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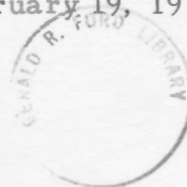
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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 19, 1975



Dear Mrs. Ford,

RE: Governors Dinner - February 20, 1975

The following items are attached for your review and approval:

1. Scenario
2. Dinner and After-Dinner Guest List

We have requested names from the Vice President's office for after-dinner guests. I will forward those names to you tomorrow along with the regret list and the proposed seating plan.

Thank you,

Pat Howard

THE WHITE HOUSE

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DINNER IN HONOR OF
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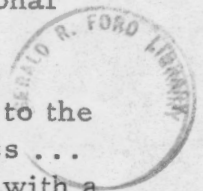
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MRS. FORD IN HONOR OF THE GOVERNORS AND THEIR WIVES ON
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1975, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK, THE WHITE
HOUSE

The Governor of Pennsylvania and Mrs. Shapp
The Honorable Brendan T. Byrne, Governor of New Jersey
The Governor of Georgia and Mrs. Busbee
The Honorable Ella Grasso, Governor of Connecticut,
and Dr. Thomas A. Grasso
The Governor of Massachusetts and Mrs. Dukakis
The Governor of Maryland and Mrs. Mandel
The Governor of South Carolina and Mrs. Edwards
The Governor of New Hampshire and Mrs. Thomson
The Governor of Virginia and Mrs. Godwin
The Governor of North Carolina and Mrs. Holshouser
The Governor of Rhode Island and Mrs. Noel
The Governor of Vermont and Mrs. Salmon
The Governor of Kentucky and Mrs. Carroll
The Governor of Indiana and Mrs. Bowen
The Governor of Mississippi and Mrs. Waller
The Governor of Illinois and Mrs. Walker
The Governor of Alabama and Mrs. Wallace
The Governor of Maine and Mrs. Longley
The Governor of Missouri and Mrs. Bond
The Governor of Michigan and Mrs. Milliken
The Honorable Reubin O'D. Askew, Governor of Florida
The Governor of Texas and Mrs. Briscoe
The Governor of Iowa and Mrs. Ray
The Governor of Wisconsin and Mrs. Lucey
The Governor of Minnesota and Mrs. Anderson
The Governor of Oregon and Mrs. Straub
The Governor of Kansas and Mrs. Bennett
The Governor of Nebraska and Mrs. Exon
The Governor of Colorado and Mrs. Lamm
The Governor of North Dakota and Mrs. Link
The Governor of South Dakota and Mrs. Kneip
The Governor of Montana and Mrs. Judge
The Governor of Washington and Mrs. Evans
The Governor of Idaho and Mrs. Andrus
The Governor of Wyoming and Mrs. Herschler
The Governor of Utah and Mrs. Rampton
The Governor of Oklahoma and Mrs. Boren
The Governor of New Mexico and Mrs. Apodaca



The Honorable Raul Castro, Governor of Arizona
The Governor of Alaska and Mrs. Hammond
The Governor of Hawaii and Mrs. Ariyoshi
The Governor of Guam and Mrs. Bordallo
The Governor of American Samoa and Mrs. Ruth

The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller
His Excellency Alejandro Orfila, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic
(Escort of Miss Barbara Walters)

The Secretary of Defense and Mrs. Schlesinger
The Honorable James T. Lynn, Director, Office of Management and
Budget, and Mrs. Lynn

The Honorable Robert T. Hartmann, Counsellor to the President,
and Mrs. Hartmann

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Assistant to the President,
and Mrs. Rumsfeld

The Honorable Ronald H. Nessen, Press Secretary to the President,
and Mrs. Nessen

The Honorable L. William Seidman, Assistant to the President for
Economic Affairs, and Mrs. Seidman

The Honorable Kenneth R. Cole, Jr., Assistant to the President for
Domestic Affairs, and Mrs. Cole

Dr. James Cavanaugh, Deputy Director, Domestic Council,
and Mrs. Cavanaugh

Mr. James Falk, Associate Director, Domestic Council,
and Mrs. Falk

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Cannon
Assistant to the President-designate for Domestic Affairs

Miss Pearl Bailey, Northridge, California

Mr. Charles Bryley, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Bryley is with the National Governors Conference

Miss Susan Byrne, Princeton, New Jersey

Daughter of Governor Brendan Byrne

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harmon, Los Angeles, California

Mr. Harmon is a former football star

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Mudd, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Mudd is with CBS News

Miss Vivian Przondo, Arlington, Virginia

(Guest of Mr. Charles Bryley)

Miss Barbara Walters, New York, New York

NBC



DANCING - Thursday, February 20, 1975 at 10:00 o'clock

The Honorable William Anders, Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Agency,
and Mrs. Anders

Mrs. Gwen Anderson
Deputy Assistant to Counsellor Hartmann

The Honorable Michael Balzano, Director of ACTION,
and Mrs. Balzano

The Honorable Ted Bell, Commissioner of Education,
and Mrs. Bell

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Carlson
Mr. Carlson is Assistant Press Secretary to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Byron M. Cavaney
Mr. Cavaney is Director of the Advance Office

The Honorable James Connor and Mrs. Connor
Dr. Connor is Secretary to the Cabinet

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Dunne
Mr. Dunne is Federal Disaster Assistance Administrator,
Department of Housing and Urban Development

Mr. Michael Raoul-Duval
Associate Director, Domestic Council

Mr. and Mrs. James Galbraith
Mr. Galbraith is with the Republican Governors Association

Mr. Warren K. Hendriks, Jr.
Deputy to the Director, Domestic Council

The Honorable Frank Herringer, Administrator, Urban Mass
Transportation Administration, and Mrs. Herringer

Mr. James L. Martin, Washington, D. C.
National Governors Conference

Mr. Alec McCowen
Actor--appearing at the Kennedy Center in "The Misanthrope"

The Honorable David Meeker, Assistant Secretary of Housing and
Urban Development, and Mrs. Meeker

The Honorable James Mitchell, Under Secretary of Housing and
Urban Development, and Mrs. Mitchell

Miss Elizabeth Odean, Bethesda, Maryland
(Guest of Mr. James L. Martin)

Mr. and Mrs. Donald G. Ogilvie
Mr. Ogilvie is Associate Director, Office of Management and Budget

The Honorable John Quarles, Deputy Administrator, Environmental
Protection Agency, and Mrs. Quarles

Miss Anne Reiley
(Guest of Mr. Michael Raoul-Duval)

Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Ross, Jr.
Mr. Ross is Assistant Director, Domestic Council

Mr. and Mrs. Walter D. Scott
Mr. Scott is Associate Director, Office of Management and Budget

The Honorable John Tabor, Under Secretary of Commerce,
and Mrs. Tabor

Miss Diana Rigg
Actress--appearing at the Kennedy Center in "The Misanthrope"

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 20, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

RE: Governors Dinner - February 20, 1975

Attached for your review are the regret list and a list (two couples) of those who will be coming to the after-dinner dancing from the Vice President's office.

Thank you.

Pat Howard



The following from the Vice President's Office will be coming in at 10:00p. m. tonight (February 20) for dancing:

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hooker
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Persico

(note: 4 other couples were invited but regretted)

Miss Meryl Comer will be coming with Warren Hendriks. This brings the total for after-dinner to 45.



Regrets for dinner Thursday, February 20, 1975

Mrs. Raul Castro - remained in Arizona

The Governor of Arkansas & Mrs. Pryor - no reason

The Governor of California - Edmund Brown - no reason

The Governor of Delaware and Mrs. Tribbitt - no reason

Mrs. Reubin Askew - ill

The Governor of Louisiana & Mrs. Edwards - prior commitment

The Governor of Nevada and Mrs. O'Callaghan

Mrs. Brendan Byrne - must stay at home with 8 yr. old

The Governor of New York- Hugh Carey - will not be in D. C.

The Governor of Ohio and Mrs. Rhodes - no reason

The Governor of Tennessee and Mrs. Blanton

The Governor of West Virginia and Mrs. Moore - Legislature in session and will be hosting a reception

The Governor of the Virgin Islands and Mrs. King - delivering State of Territory message

The Governor of Puerto Rico and Mrs. Hernandez-Colon - no reason

Mr. Louis Bellson (Pearl Bailey's husband)

Mr. and Mrs. Larry King (Billie Jean King) - she is doing a commercial

Mr. and Mrs. John Wayne - on a cruise

Mr. and Mrs. Telly Savalas - unbreakable commitment

(note: in addition to sending telegram, he called his secretary from Amsterdam to make sure the telegram had been sent and to again express his sincere regrets)

Miss Barbara Eden - opening in Mexico City

(note: her agent indicated she would be delighted to come another time)



Miss Elizabeth Montgomery - not enough notice

(note: she was very nice, but indicated it would be just impossible to come at this late date)

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goulet (Carol Lawrence)

He is performing in Las Vegas and she is at the Palmer House in Chicago

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Ebsen - rehearsing the Carol Burnett show and taping Fri.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Martin - both working at the Fairmont Hotel - indicated they would be available in March and April and would like very much to come another time

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Collins (Mary Ann Mobley) - short notice and Mrs. is just getting over the flu; was very nice and would like to come another time

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bean (Mitzi Gaynor) - both taping for a special

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Current
Count

134

Jan --

Here's the star status on the Governors dinner:

- *Pearl Baily accepts (& husband)
- *Barbara Walters accepts (& Argentine ambassador)
- *Billie Jean King & husband regret
- *Mr. Tom Harmon (& wife) have been called and will call us back
- *Mr. John Wayne was called and the secretary said regret because they are on a boat; however, I told her if things change, they could call us.
- *Mr. & Mrs. Telly Sevalas will let us know next week because they will be in Germany for a couple of days.

other possibilities are Wm. Conrad and Irene Dunn; I put all phone numbers on your yellow pad.

(but check with Pat Howard before inviting any more stars)

See you,

Barbara



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 30, 1975

Dear Mrs. Ford,

RE: Governors Dinner - February 20, 1975

Attached for your review and approval is the proposed
guest list for the Governors Dinner.

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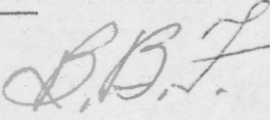
disapproved

I would like to suggest that the dinner be at 8:00 p. m.
and Black Tie as it has been in past years.

approved

disapproved

Thank you.


Nancy L.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 13, 1975

FOR: MRS. FORD
FROM: PAT HOWARD
SUBJECT: Governors Dinner -- Guest List
February 20, 1975



After I spoke with you on Wednesday regarding the guest list for the Governors Dinner, I gave Jan Ingersol the names of those we discussed and asked her to invite as many as we had space for in the State Dining Room. She then told me the count was at 134. Jan explained that the reason for this high count was because she had been instructed by Nancy Lammerding to invite those listed on the bottom of the attached list. The invitations had already been mailed (in fact, we have already received some responses from that group).

As of today, the count is at 130. However, knowing that we can count on some more regrets, Jan has invited Billy Jean King and Pearl Bailey and their husbands. As the count decreases, we will be inviting more of the celebrity types that you mentioned to me. Also, we are keeping in mind that you will call Barbara Walters and there is a possibility you will invite Hugh O'Brien and a guest.

Thank you.

365-5300-
Puckett

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1975

WHITE HOUSE DINNER FOR GOVERNORS

Friday, February 20, 1975

Proposed Invitees

Black Tie

8:00 p.m.

State Dining Room



The President and Mrs. Ford

The Vice President and Mrs. Rockefeller

Governor and Mrs. George C. Wallace, Alabama

Governor and Mrs. Jay S. Hammond, Alaska

Governor and Mrs. Paul Castro, Arizona

Governor and Mrs. David Pryor, Arkansas

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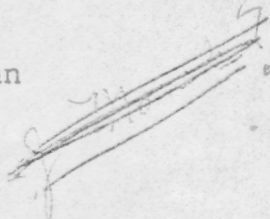
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Governor and Mrs. Philip Noel, Rhode Island
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Governor and Mrs. Ray Blanton, Tennessee
Governor and Mrs. Dolph Briscoe, Texas
Governor and Mrs. Calvin L. Rampton, Utah
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Governor and Mrs. Cyril C. King, Virgin Islands
Governor and Mrs. Rafael Hernandez-Colon, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico



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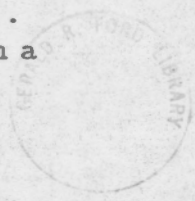
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Revised
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