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Monday, May 17, 1976

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of Mrs. Ford's Press Secretary

The President and Mrs. Ford will host a white-tie dinner in honor of His Excellency the President of the Republic of France and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, on Monday, May 17, at 8 p.m.

Earl "Fatha" Hines, jazz pianist, will entertain in the East Room following the dinner.

Mrs. Ford has selected an Early American lighting collection as centerpieces. This includes lanterns, candelabra and candlesticks made of tin, brass, pewter and wrought iron. The theme is in honor of the French Bicentennial gift of a Sound and Light show at Mt. Vernon.

Anemones, Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing's favorite flower, sweet william, lilacs, rubrum lilies, sweetheart roses, heather and wax flowers will accent the lighting pieces.

The round tables will be covered with a reproduction of a French textile from around 1775, "Summer Flora." The cotton reproduction of red and blue wildflowers on an ecru background was made by Scalamandre Silks, Inc., of New York. The original is in the Textile Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The napkins will be tied with rose grosgrain ribbon. Tables will be set with the Johnson china, Monroe vermeil flatware and the Morgantown crystal.

Garlands of the same flowers used on the tables will decorate the sconces in the State Dining Room. Decorations in the cross hall, foyer and East Room will feature flowers of reds, pinks and purples. Geraniums will decorate the base of the ficus trees. Large containers of lilacs also will be used.

Jack Bangs of New York City donated his personal time to coordinate the decorations. The lighting pieces are on loan from the Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont.

The menu: Columbia River Salmon, Sauce Verte, Filet of Beef, Artichokes Saint Germain, Mushrooms Provencale, Bibb Lettuce Salad, Brie Cheese, Basket Grand Marnier, Petits Fours, and Demitasse.

The wines: BV Beaufort, Pinot Chardonnay, Louis Martini, Cabernet Sauvignon; Schramsberg, Blanc de Blanc.

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THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 23, 1976


MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD

SUBJECT: Official Gift Exchange during the Visit of
His Excellency the President of France and
Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, May 17, 1976

During their upcoming visit to Washington, the President of France and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing will be presenting an antique printing press to you and Mrs. Ford. Arrangements will be made for this working printing press to be assembled before it is presented to you.

Attached is a photograph of the bronze cast of the William Rush bust of Marquis de Lafayette that Mrs. Ford approved as the gift to be presented to the President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing. It is a bronze cast of the bust that William Rush created during Lafayette's visit to the United States in 1824-1825. The original of this sculpture is in the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. This sculpture has been donated to you for presentation by Mrs. Arthur K. Watson, widow of our former Ambassador to France and by our former Ambassadors to France: John Irwin, Amory Houghton, David K.E. Bruce, Douglas Dillon and Ambassador Kenneth Rush.

Also as a personal gesture, I would like to suggest that Mrs. Ford present a Cybis porcelain sculpture of an anemone to Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing. Because of the similar pronunciation of Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing's first name, Anne-Aymone, and "anemone" it is one of her favorites. Cybis has donated this piece for your use. (A photograph is attached.)


Henry E. Catto, Jr.





MARQUIS DE LAFAYETTE
1757-1834
Seaman, soldier
William Rush,
1870 casting after 1824 plaster
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WASHINGTON

FRENCH RECIPROCAL DINNER

French Embassy Residence

Tuesday - May 18, 1976

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Departure: 7:50 p.m.

From: Terry O'Donnell *TD*

BACKGROUND

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Upon arrival at the Embassy Residence, you will be met by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing and Ambassador Jean-Paul Angles, Chief of Protocol, and escorted to a sitting room for brief conversation and refreshments with the Head Table guests. (Head Table Seating Diagram at TAB A).

Following refreshments, you and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing form a receiving line as follows and greet the 200 guests:

President Giscard d'Estaing
President Ford
Mrs. Ford
Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing

The receiving line will conclude about 8:30 p.m. and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing will escort you to dinner. A toast will be required. Following entertainment, you will move to a large sitting room and visit briefly with members of the French Official Party, then return to the South Grounds.



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SEQUENCE

~~7:50~~ p. m.
7:55

You and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route the French Embassy Residence.

8:00 p. m.

Arrive French Embassy Residence where you will be met by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing and Ambassador Jean-Paul Angles, Chief of Protocol.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE
CLOSED ARRIVAL

8:01 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing and Ambassador Angles, proceed through entrance foyer to sitting room.

8:02 p. m.

President and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing arrive sitting room for brief conversation and refreshments.

NOTE: In the sitting room, you and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing will be joined by the Head Table guests.

8:09 p. m.

Head Table guests proceed to Head Table.

8:10 p. m.

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing form receiving line.

Receiving line forms as follows:

President Giscard d'Estaing
President Ford
Mrs. Ford
Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing

NOTE: The guests will be announced by a member of the French Embassy staff.



SIGNAL →
RED CAVANEY →

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a member of the French Embassy staff.
NOTE: The guests will be announced by

Mrs. Gisela G. Estling
Mrs. Ford
President Ford
President Gisela G. Estling

Receiving line to be as follows:

8:10 p.m.

Gisela G. Estling join receiving line.
You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs.

8:05 p.m.

Head table guests proceed to Head Table.

G. Estling will be joined by the Head Table guests.
Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Gisela
NOTE: In the sitting room, you and

8:05 p.m.

Chief of Protocol and representatives.
Mrs. Gisela G. Estling arrive sitting room for
President and Mrs. Ford and President and

8:01 p.m.

proceed through entrance to sitting room.
Mrs. Gisela G. Estling and Ambassador Angier,
you and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and

CLOSED AMBIENT
MESS ROOM COVERAGE

8:00 p.m.

Chief of Protocol
G. Estling and Ambassador Jean-Paul Angier,
will be met by President and Mrs. Gisela
at the French Embassy residence where you

4:32
2:30 p.m.

Residence.
Groulx and depart en route the French Embassy
you and Mrs. Ford board motorcade on South

PEOPENCE

8:30 p.m.

Receiving line concludes. You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, proceed to portico, down stairs, en route Head Table.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

8:35 p.m.

Dinner is served.

~~9:45 p.m.~~

Toast by President Giscard d'Estaing, followed by translation.

~~9:50 p.m.~~

Response toast by you, followed by translation.

~~10:15~~
~~10:40~~

PRESS POOL COVERAGE

9:55 p.m.

Coffee is served.

Entertainment begins.

10:20 p.m.

Entertainment concludes.

10:20 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, depart Head Table en route large sitting room.

10:22 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford and President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing arrive large sitting room and briefly greet various members of the French Official Party.

10:45 p.m.

You and Mrs. Ford, escorted by President and Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing, depart large sitting room en route motorcade for boarding.

10:50 p.m.

Motorcade departs French Embassy Residence en route the South Grounds.

11:00 p.m.

Arrive South Grounds.

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Guests
Mr. Pierre-Brossolette

Secretary Kissinger

Mrs. Simon

Mr. Barre

Mrs. Kissinger

Chief Justice Burger

Mrs. Giscard d'Estaing

President Ford

President Giscard d'Estaing

Mrs. Ford

Mr. Jean Sauvagnargues

Mrs. Berger

Mr. Francois-Poncet

Mrs. Kosciusko-Morizet

Amb. Simon

Ambassador Kosciusko-Morizet

Head Table Seating Diagram
French Reciprocal Dinner
May 18, 1976



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1975 Annual Report



Ann Pamela Cunningham

1816-1875

*The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association
of the Union*

When the Centennial comes,
bringing with it its thousands from
the ends of the earth,
to whom the home of Washington
will be the place of places in our country,
let them see
that, though we slay our forests,
remove our dead,
pull down our churches,
remove from home to home,
till the hearthstone seems to have no
resting place in America
let them see
that we know how to care
for the home of our hero.

From the Farewell Address of
Ann Pamela Cunningham
June, 1874

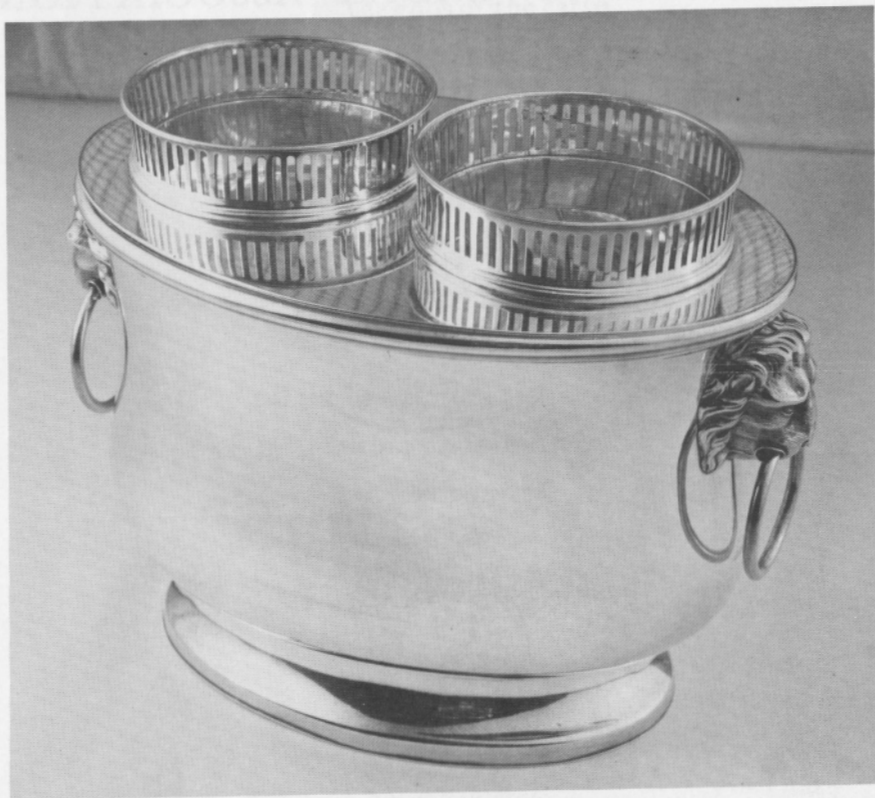
Cover: This year marks the centennial of the death of Miss Cunningham, Founder and First Regent of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. Those who have succeeded her in the important work of preserving the Home of Washington are indebted to her courage, foresight and firmness of purpose. *See page 10.*

THE
MOUNT VERNON LADIES' ASSOCIATION
OF THE UNION

Annual Report
1975



MOUNT VERNON, VIRGINIA



Two-bottle wine cooler from the presidential household. Descended in the family of Oliver Wolcott. "Sheffield Plate;" London, 1790. H. 8"; L. 10". See page 26.

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(October 1974—October 1975)

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