

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DINNER IN HONOR OF
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE PRIME MINISTER OF IRELAND
AND MRS. COSGRAVE

March 17, 1976
8:00 p. m.

Dress: Black tie . . . long dresses for the ladies

Prior to
Arrival:

- 7:30 p. m. . . . you and Mrs. Ford will be escorted to the East Room where you will pose for a photograph with the White House Military Social Aides.
- After the photograph, you and Mrs. Ford will return to the Family Quarters.

Arrival:

- 8:00 p. m. . . . at North Portico Entrance . . . Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto.
- You and Mrs. Ford will greet.
- Photo coverage of greeting.

Yellow Oval Room:

- Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger; Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mrs. Garret FitzGerald; American Ambassador and Mrs. Walter J. Curley; Foreign Ambassador John G. Molloy; and Mr. Liam Cosgrave, Jr., son of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave, will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p. m. arrival of Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave and Ambassador and Mrs. Catto.

NOTE: At this time, the Irish have requested a photograph with the Bicentennial Waterford piece being given to you. This is not the official gift exchange, and will only be photographed by in-house photographers.



- Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors at approximately 8:10 p. m. ... all guests except Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave will depart at this time.

Grand Entrance:

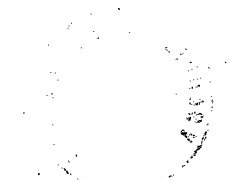
- Approximately 8:12 p. m. ... descend Grand Staircase preceded by Color Guard.
- Pause at foot of staircase for official photograph (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... Mrs. Cosgrave to your left ... then Mrs. Ford).
- Color Guard reforms and procession moves to red carpet facing East Room ... pause for Ruffles and Flourishes and announcement ... take receiving line positions (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Cosgrave).
- Follow Color Guard into East Room when "Hail to the Chief" is played.

Receiving Line:

- Take position just inside door of East Room ... Ambassador Catto will present your guests.
- After receiving line, follow guests into State Dining Room.

Dinner:

- Round tables
- The Army Strolling Strings will play during dessert.
- No press coverage of dinner ... toasts will be piped to the press ... transcripts will be released to the press ... there will be mini-camera coverage of the toasts with a small photo pool.



After-Dinner:

- 10:00 p.m. ... guests proceed to parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the Blue Room where you will visit informally with your guests.

- 10:05 p.m. ... after-dinner guests will be escorted to the State Floor. You, Mrs. Ford, Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave (Prime Minister Cosgrave to your right ... then Mrs. Ford ... then Mrs. Cosgrave) will receive the after-dinner guests from a position in the Grand Hall between the Blue Room and Green Room doors -- a Military Social Aide will present your guests -- guests will proceed to the East Room and take their seats.

Entertainment:

- After the guests are seated, you will enter the East Room through the center door and seat Mrs. Ford and Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave.

- You proceed to the stage which will be located at the North End of the East Room and introduce Ben Vereen.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).

- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the stage to thank Ben Vereen.

NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment. Photo and mini-camera coverage will be of the last part of the program and of your thanking Ben Vereen.

- After you have thanked Ben Vereen, you and Mrs. Ford will escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the Grand Foyer and Blue Room where you will mingle informally with your guests.

NOTE: There will be dancing in the Grand Foyer.

Departure:

- You, Mrs. Ford, Ambassador and Mrs. Catto escort Prime Minister and Mrs. Cosgrave to the North Portico.

- You and Mrs. Ford may wish to return for dancing or return to the Family Quarters.
- There will be champagne, mixed drinks and dancing for the guests who remain.

NOTES:

- The dinner and after-dinner guest lists are attached (Tab B).
- A suggested toast is attached (Tab C).
- Military Social Aides will be present.
- Marine Corps Violinist will be playing in the Diplomatic Reception Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.
- White House photographer will be present.
- Air Force Band will be playing on the South Portico Balcony as your dinner guests arrive.
- The demitasse served after dinner will actually be Irish coffee.

Maria Downs