

THE WHITE HOUSE

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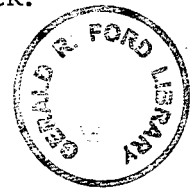
DINNER IN HONOR OF  
HIS EXCELLENCY DR. URHO KEKKONEN  
PRESIDENT OF FINLAND

August 3, 1976  
8:00 p. m.

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

Arrival:

- 8:00 p. m. ... at North Portico Entrance ... President Kekkonen, The Chief of Protocol and Mr. Black.
- You and Mrs. Ford will greet.
- Photo coverage of greeting.



Yellow Oval Room:

- Secretary and Mrs. Kissinger; Minister for Foreign Affairs Kalevi Sorsa; American Ambassador and Mrs. Mark Evans Austad; and Foreign Ambassador and Mrs. Leo Tuominen will assemble just prior to the 8:00 p. m. arrival of President Kekkonen and The Chief of Protocol and Mr. Black.
- Approximately 8:10 p. m. ... all guests except President Kekkonen will depart at this time ... Color Guard will request permission to remove Colors.

Grand Entrance:

- Approximately 8:12 p. m. ... descend Grand Staircase preceded by Color Guard.

- Pause at foot of staircase for official photograph (President Kekkonen to your right ... 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 (President Kekkonen to your right ... then Mrs. Ford).
  
- Follow Color Guard into East Room when "Hail to the Chief" is played.

Receiving Line:

- Take position just inside door of East Room ... Ambassador Black will present your guests.
  
- After receiving line, proceed through the Blue Room to the South Portico and down the steps ... follow guests into the Rose Garden.



Dinner:

- Rectangular head table ... round tables
  
- No press coverage of dinner ... toasts will be piped to the press ... transcripts will be released to the press -- there will be press photo pool coverage and mini-camera coverage.

After-Dinner:

- 10:00 p.m. ... guests proceed from the Rose Garden through the driveway and up the steps to the South Portico Balcony to the parlors for demitasse, liqueurs, and cigars. You and Mrs. Ford will escort President Kekkonen up the steps to the South Portico Balcony and into the Red Room where you will visit informally with your guests.
  
- 10:05 p.m. ... after-dinner guests will form a receiving line. You, Mrs. Ford and President Kekkonen (President Kekkonen to your right ... then Mrs. Ford) 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 President Kekkonen.

-- You proceed to the stage which will be located along the center of the east wall of the East Room and introduce Mr. George Shearing.

NOTE: Suggested remarks (Tab A).

-- At the conclusion of the performance, you and Mrs. Ford will escort President Kekkonen to the stage to thank Mr. George Shearing.

NOTE: There will be press coverage of the entertainment, including mini-camera coverage of your introduction, first and last portions of the program, and of your thanking Mr. George Shearing. Also, there will be photo coverage.

-- After you have thanked Mr. George Shearing, you and Mrs. Ford will escort President Kekkonen to the State Dining Room for dancing.

Departure:

-- You, Mrs. Ford, The Chief of Protocol and Mr. Black escort President Kekkonen 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.
- White House photographer will be present.
- Army String Ensemble will be playing in the East Wing Garden Room as your dinner and after-dinner guests arrive.
- Marine Harpist will be playing in the Ground Floor Hall area as your dinner guests arrive.
- Marine String Ensemble, Woodwind Quintet and Harpist will be playing in the west end of the Rose Garden during dinner.
- Army Chorus will sing during dessert.
- Marine String Ensemble will be playing in the Grand Hall while your dinner guests are being served demitasse, liqueurs and cigars and during the time you are receiving your after-dinner guests.
- Marine Dance Combo will be playing in the State Dining Room.
- An interpreter will be present.



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