THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

President and Mrs. Ford will entertain at a black tie dinner tonight, Friday, August 16, 1974 at the White House at 8:00 p.m. in honor of His Majesty Hussein I, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, and Her Majesty Queen Alia.

President and Mrs. Ford will welcome their Guests of Honor at the North Portico and escort them to the Yellow Oval Room. Preceded by the Color Guard, the President and Mrs. Ford will escort their honored guests down the Grand Stairway and proceed to the East Room where they will receive their approximately 120 guests. The United States Marine Corps Orchestra will provide background music in the lobby as the guests are being received.

Dinner will be served in the State Dining Room where there will be a Head Table and eleven round tables covered with white organdy over yellow cloths. The Johnson china, vermeil flatwear and Morgantown crystal will be used. Vermeil, three-candle centerpieces with flowers decorate each table. Flowers used in the arrangements include blue delphiniums and cornflowers, and yellow chrysanthemums, the University of Michigan colors.

Tonight's menu includes:

Cold Columbia River Salmon en Bellevue
Sauce Verte
Paillettes Dorees
Roast Sirloin of Beef Bordelaise
Mushrooms Provencale
Artichokes St. Germain
Bibb Lettuce Salad
Brie Cheese
Mousse au Chocolat

Wines include:

Schloss Johannisberg Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon Louis Roederer Cristal

During dessert guests will be entertained by the Army Strolling Strings. Following dinner, coffce and liqueurs will be served in the Parlours. President and Mrs. Ford and the King and Queen will receive approximately fifty afterdinner guests in the Grand Hall. There will be dancing in the Fast Room to Howard Devron's orchestra. Cabaret tables with hurricane lamps encircled with flowers will decorate the tables.

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