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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

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The President will host a stag dinner this evening in honor of The Right Honorable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, at 8 p.m.

About 28 guests are expected for the black-tie dinner, which will be preceded by a reception in the Red Room. The dinner will be served in the Blue Room at a 30' rectangular table.

The centerpieces on the table are six vermeil knights, borrowed from the White House collection on display in the Vermeil Room. Two of the knights are on horseback and measure about 13 1/2" in height. The other four statuettes are armored knights, standing on a pierced design pedestal. They measure about 11" in height. The vermeil pieces are English and European and are dated at the beginning of the 19th Century. They are part of a collection bequeathed to the White House in 1957 by the late Mrs. Margaret Thompson Biddle. Vermeil is gold-dipped silver.

Surrounding the vermeil knights will be an assortment of greens, including boxwood and needlepoint ivy. A rope of ivy will join the centerpieces together down the center of the table.

The dinner menu: Romaine soup and cheese straws; Roast prime ribs of beef, Onion and celery amandine and Broccoli timbale; Endive and watercress salad and Brie cheese; and Hazelnut mousse for dessert. Demitasse will also be served.

Wines to be used are Robert Mondavi Pinot Noir and Mirassou au Naturel.

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