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

The President and Mrs. Ford will host a white tie dinner in honor of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in the White House Rose Garden on Wednesday, July 7 at 8:00 P.M.

The President and Mrs. Ford will receive Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip at the North Portico. Around 200 other guests will arrive through the East Wing and proceed through the First Ladies Garden to the South Lawn. The President and Mrs. Ford and their guests of honor will arrive through the Blue Room to the South Portico Balcony and down the left staircase. They will receive their guests on the South Lawn. Guests will then enter the Rose Garden for Dinner.

The driveway on the South Lawn will be lined with topiary trees of Queen Elizabeth Roses. The Rose Garden will be covered with a white canopy. The garden, which is lined with numerous rose bushes, including American heritage, King's Ransom, and Queen Elizabeth Roses, will also contain a variety of other summer flowers.

The rectangular head table will be at the north side of the Rose Garden. Accompanying the President and Mrs. Ford and Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip at the head table will be: Vice President and Mrs. Nelson Rockefeller; Secretary of State and Mrs. Henry Kissinger; and The Right Honorable Anthony Crosland, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister in Attendance, and Mrs. Crosland. Other guests will be seated at the 24 round tables placed around the Rose Garden.

The tables will be covered with tablecloths made by Scalamandre. The design features sprays of white daisies on a white and gray background, criss-crossed by printed pink ribbons. Bouquets of assorted, varicolored, fragrant flowers in baskets wrapped in lemon leaves will serve as centerpieces. Each basket will be tied with a pink silk chord. A small pink candle in a votive candleholder will be at each setting. Naguchie lanterns will hang from the ceiling of the canopy and on bamboo poles around the garden, and the columns of the canopy will be draped with greens.

Tables will be set with the Johnson china, vermeil flatwear, and Morgantown crystal.

The decorations were coordinated by Mrs. Virgil Sherrill of McMillen, Inc. of New York City, and the floral designs were done by James Goslee of The Fernery of New York City.

Following dinner, Bob Hope and "Captain and Tennille" will entertain in the East Room on the State Floor of the White House, and music for dancing will be provided by the Marine Dance Orchestra in the State Dining Room after the entertainment.

The menu: New England Lobster en Bellevue, Sauce Remoulade, Saddle of Veal, Rice Croquettes, Broccoli Mornay, Garden Salad, Trappist Cheese, Peach Ice Cream Bombe, Fresh Raspberries, and Petits Fours.

The wines: Sterling Chenin Blanc; B.V. Cabernet Sauvignon; Schramsberg Blanc de Blancs.