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

The President and Mrs. Ford will host a black-tie dinner in honor of His Excellency the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany and Mrs. Schmidt Thursday, July 15.

The dinner will be held in the Rose Garden under a white canopy. Wood-carved American birds will be featured in the table decorations. The carvings, made from basswood of the linden tree, include an elf owl on a saguaro cactus, a Carolina parakeet surrounded by blossoming dogwood, a pair of ground dove with apple blossoms and a male green wing teal drake with morning glory. These carvings will be accented with flowers of complimentary colors. The garden birds will be coordinated with garden flowers, and the field birds with cactus or greenery.

The rectangular head table at the north end of the garden and the 16 round tables will be covered with a Scalamandre print of Summer Flora.

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

Jack Drake, carver of the centerpieces and minister from Carlsbad, New Mexico, will coordinate the decorations. The carvings are on loan from the Baker Gallery of Fine Art in Lubbock, Texas, and one from the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History.

Following dinner, Phyllis Curtin, leading soprano with the Metropolitan Opera and the Vienna State Opera, will entertain in the East Room of the White House. After the entertainment, music for dancing will be provided by the Marine Dance Orchestra in the State Dining Room.

The menu: Supreme of Sole Veronique, Filet of Beef with Bearnaise Sauce, Dauphine Potatoes, Cauliflower Polonaise, Garden Salad, Tilsit Cheese, Strawberry Vacherin with Raspberry Sauce and Demitasse.

The wines: B V Beaufort Pinot Chardonnay; Louis Martini Cabernet Sauvignon; Beaulieu Champagne de Chardonnay.

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