

Reception for Madame Zhuo Lin of China at Meridian House, 1/30/79

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First Lady Rosalynn Carter's Reception In Honor of Madame Zhuo Lin
Meridian HouseFACT SHEET

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Meridian House

Meridian House, International is a non-profit cultural and educational institution in the field of international affairs. It is dedicated to supporting inter-cultural exchange programs throughout the United States. Its affiliates include: the Hospitality and Information Service for Resident Diplomats, International Visitors Information Service, Visitor Program Service, Washington International Center, and the National Council for Community Services to International Visitors.

Menu

Assorted miniature French pastries

Assorted fresh seasonal fruit platters
Served with raspberry flavored fresh whipped cream
and confectioners sugar for dipping

Hot brewed coffee and tea

draft release: Reception at Meridian House

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PRESS FOR MERIDIAN HOUSE

Betty Beale and photographer Bob Strier

POST: Donnie Radcliff and photographer

Dick Oakland, official photo. for Meridian House

Helen Sebass - ICA

Gail Greg - UPI

IT IS A SPECIAL PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ALL TODAY. I AM TRULY HONORED TO INTRODUCE YOU AND MY FRIENDS TO MY NEW FRIEND, MADAME ZHOU. WE HAVE ALREADY STRUCK UP A FIRM AND WARM FRIENDSHIP. AND NOW I AM ESPECIALLY EXCITED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AND TALK TO YOU CHINESE SCHOLARS WHO ARE IN OUR COUNTRY TO STUDY IN OUR UNIVERSITIES.

OUR NATIONS -- YOURS AND MINE -- THE UNITED STATES AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY TOGETHER SINCE LAST SUMMER TO ESTABLISH AN EXCHANGE OF GIFTED INDIVIDUALS. AND YOU ARE THE FIRST OF MORE THAN 500 WHO WILL SOON VISIT US TO STUDY AND TO SHARE OUR DAILY LIVES. NEXT MONTH OUR OWN DELEGATION OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS WILL LEAVE FOR PEKING TO SHARE THEIR LIVES WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE IS A HUMAN ACTIVITY THAT TRULY TRANSCENDS GEOGRAPHIC, POLITICAL AND CULTURAL BOUNDARIES. IT PROVIDES A COMMON MEETING GROUND AND A FOUNDATION ON WHICH TO BUILD GREATER UNDERSTANDING, FRIENDSHIP AND GOODWILL AMONG THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.

I HOPE THAT THIS PROGRAM WILL ONLY BE THE BEGINNING OF AN EXPANDING EXCHANGE PROCESS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRY AND CHINA.

I KNOW SO WELL THAT ONLY THROUGH DIRECT CONTACT CAN WE GET

*her smile
sincerity
obvious delight
has charmed us
all
50 students*

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TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER BETTER AND BRING OUR COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER.

AMONG OUR GUESTS TODAY ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR
INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE AND VISITORS PROGRAMS. THEY REPRESENT
A LONG TRADITION OF PROMOTING PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE PROGRAMS OF MANY
DIFFERENT KINDS. THEY HAVE WELCOMED FOREIGNERS TO OUR
COUNTRY FOR SO MANY YEARS AND I KNOW THAT THEY ARE THRILLED
TO MEET THE CHINESE SCHOLARS HERE TODAY, TO OPEN THEIR HOMES
AND THEIR COMMUNITIES TO YOU, AND TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF
THIS UNIQUE AND HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY.

NOW I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING EACH OF YOU PERSONALLY.

new friendships

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 25, 1979

TO: MRS. CARTER

FROM: PAULA WATSON

RE: Chinese Scholars Visiting the United States

At the Meridian House reception, you will meet the 52 Chinese scholars who arrived in Washington last December as the first of a group of 500-700 Chinese scholars who will come to the United States for study by September 1979. The scholars will study in the United States as a result of a visit to China by Dr. Frank Press, the President's Science Advisor, last summer and discussions held this fall in the United States when an understanding on educational and scholarly exchanges was reached.

The scholars, approximately one-third of whom are women, are attending intensive English classes at Georgetown and American Universities. After completing language studies, they will proceed to other American universities such as Berkeley, M.I.T., and Johns Hopkins, where they will pursue studies and research in their individual fields. Most are students of the physical and biological sciences -- no member of this initial group is studying the humanities.

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NOTE: Since their arrival, the Chinese have expressed a strong preference to be referred to as "scholars" and not "students." They range in age from 31-49.

MENU

Meridian House International
January 30, 1979
3:00 pm

Assorted miniature French pastries including chocolate and
Mocha eclairs, cream puffs, jelly rolls, fresh fruit
tarts, giraffe pastries, dobash strips, and walnut
roulades

Assorted fresh seasonal fruit platters including whole jumbo
vine ripened California strawberries, pineapple chunks,
red and white grapes, honeydew melon balls, casaba melon
wedges, watermelon chunks, cantaloupe slices, kiwi fruits,
mangoes, papayas, apples, and mandarin orange sections

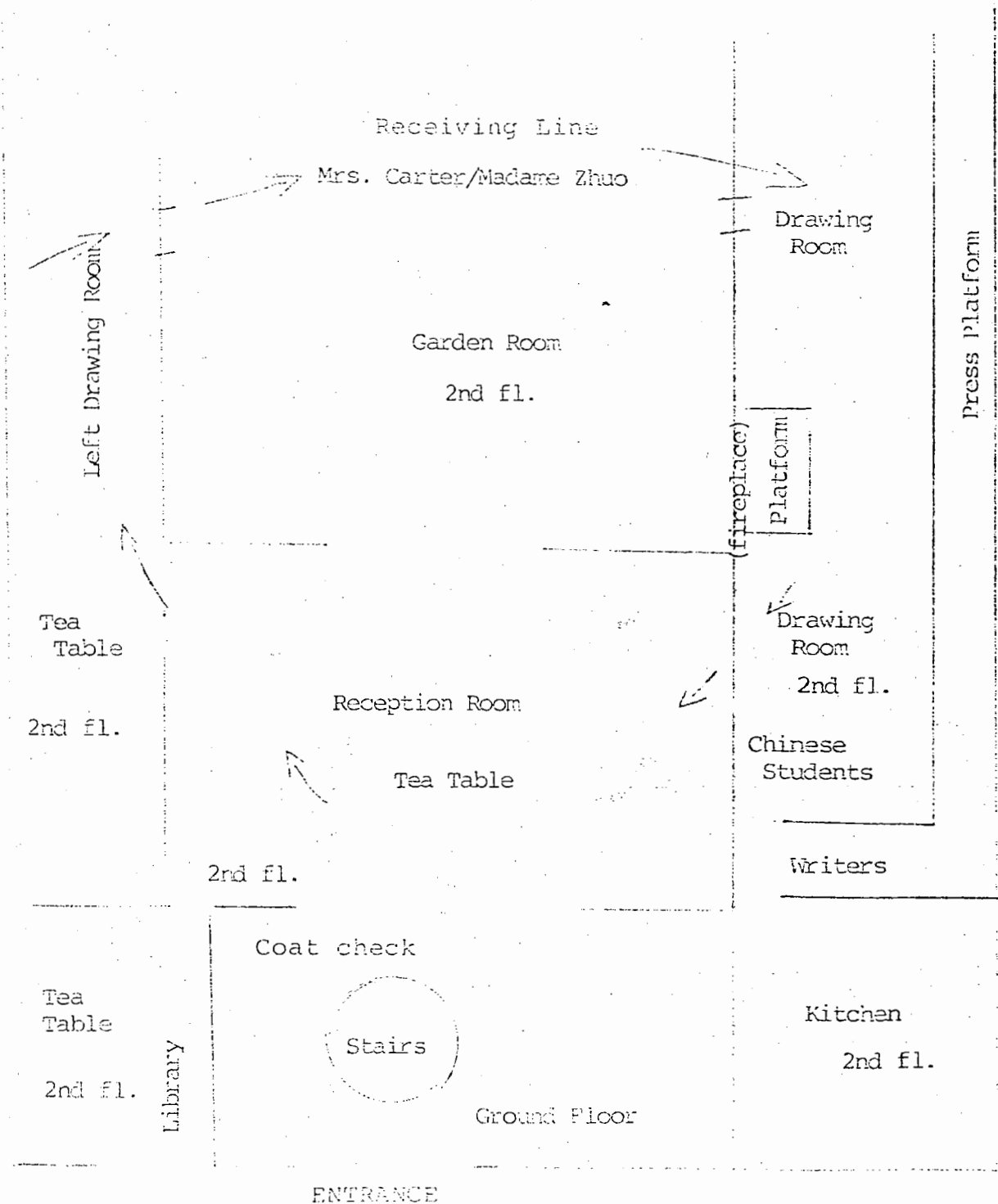
Served with raspberry flavored fresh whipped cream
and confectioners sugar for dipping

Hot brewed coffee
cream and sugar

Hot brewed tea
Granulated sugar
lemon wheels

DIAGRAM - MERIDIAN HOUSE

January 30



1630 Crescent Place, N. W.

arrows: indicate flow of guests through receiving line

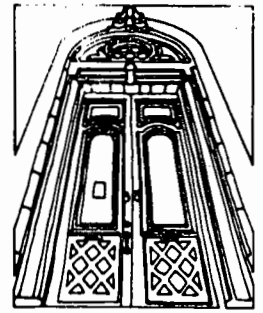
Meridian House International

Doorway to the U.S.A.

1630 Crescent Place, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

(202) 667-6800

Hon. Joseph John Jova, President



MERIDIAN HOUSE INTERNATIONAL (MHI) is a non-profit organization in the field of international relations, specializing in services to international visitors to the United States. Visitors are provided with reception, orientation and programming, as well as seminars on American education, arts, humanities, government and institutions. MHI also conducts a lecture/seminar series on world affairs for members, corporate sponsors and other friends, and topical seminars for members of the Washington diplomatic community. In collaboration with other organizations, such as the National Endowment for the Humanities, MHI sponsors educational and cultural programs. MHI, directed by a President and governed by a distinguished Board of Trustees, also provides leadership and financial and administrative services to its programs and affiliates.

VPS, VISITOR PROGRAM SERVICE, designs and administers professional programs of study, observation and travel throughout the United States for officially-sponsored visitors from abroad. It also conducts theme-oriented seminars for State Department and privately-sponsored groups. VPS is located at 1776 Massachusetts Avenue, NW. Telephone: 452-0606.

WIC, WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL CENTER, conducts orientation programs and seminars on contemporary American society for U.S. Government-sponsored grantees prior to their study at U.S. colleges and universities. The WIC staff is assisted by a corps of trained volunteers. Telephone: 332-1025.

COSERV, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICES TO INTERNATIONAL VISITORS, represents and coordinates the activities of volunteer service groups in 80 communities throughout the United States. These groups provide programming, language assistance, hospitality, sightseeing and information services to international visitors who travel to these communities. Telephone: 332-1028.

IVIS, INTERNATIONAL VISITORS INFORMATION SERVICE, assists tourists and official visitors to the Nation's Capital at three reception centers: 801 19th Street, NW, the National Visitors Center and Dulles International Airport. IVIS volunteers offer escort-interpreting, information, home hospitality and language assistance in 48 languages. Programs for corporate visitors from abroad are also arranged. Telephone: 872-8747.

THIS, THE HOSPITALITY AND INFORMATION SERVICE, assists foreign diplomats and their families in adapting to life in Washington. Volunteers welcome each newly-arrived diplomatic family, and provide information, guidance, hospitality and a variety of special activities to all levels of the diplomatic corps. Telephone: 232-3002.

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Lynn Packer

632-9624

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Agony

Miss L. Bradley, in 30's
friend of China - dear

Anna Louise Strong,
author, interviewed
Mason

Lynn Wake, also
author, ^{wife} of Edgar Snow

(Translation)

Madame Zhou Lin's Speech at Mrs. Carter's Reception

January 30, 1979

Mrs. Carter,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

First of all, I wish to thank Mrs. Carter for hosting this reception, which gives us an opportunity to gather joyously with our American friends.

I take this opportunity to convey the heartiest greetings of the women in China to the women in the United States. We women have contributed a share to the traditional friendship between the Chinese and American peoples. Our friends among the women of America supported both the democratic revolution and the socialist revolution of China in the last hundred years, and we shall long remember their dear names.

The liberation of China brought liberation to Chinese women. Women in New China have become an active and indispensable force in all fields of endeavor, and they are referred to as "half of the world" engaged in building the New China. But we are aware that there is a long way to go before women can win complete liberation, for this depends on the economic and cultural development of society as a whole, and on the sustained efforts of women themselves. We have always admired the spirit with which American women pursued liberation, and we think highly of the increasingly important role they play in American society. Normalization of relations between China and the United States has removed the obstacles that hampered our contacts. We will have more chances to get to know and learn from

each other, thus enabling us to make a greater contribution to promoting the friendship between the Chinese and American peoples, and to the unity and progress of women all over the world.

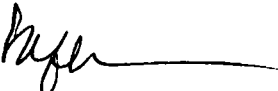
May I ask you to join me in drinking a toast
to the friendship between the peoples and women
of China and the United States,
to the liberation and progress of women throughout
the world,
to the health of Mrs. Carter, and
to the health of all the friends present here!

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 30, 1979

TO: RSC
FROM: Mary Hoyt 
RE: Remarks at Meridian House



Madame Zhuo has really impressed the press, and I think your remarks in introducing her should be as strong and warm as possible -- much more so than the draft suggestions we sent up. Anything that you can say about your discussions is news. Here are some other ideas.

" In just the short time since she has been in the United States, Madame Zhuo has won the hearts of our people -- even the hearts of our press!

She and I have already become fast friends -- with so many interests in common.

She has already become one of Amy's best friends!

We have talked about our children ... about their education ... about her province and mine (Plains)...

She has spoken out about the strides in women's rights in this country -- and she has shown us by her own warmth and candor and interest that women -- all women -- share similar aspirations and goals. In fact, she is evidence that the importance of International Women's Year will be extended on and on into the future.

She has invited me to China.

I have certainly accepted.

I can hardly wait.

She has brought excitement to the nation's capital and to our whole country.

I am pleased that I am the one who is privileged to bring together Madame Zhuo and our new Chinese scholars -- and those of you who are so involved in international friendship programs, etc. //

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 26, 1979

TO: MRS. CARTER

FROM: GRETCHEN POSTON

SUBJECT: RECEPTION AT MERIDIAN HOUSE IN HONOR OF MADAME ZHUO LIN
ON JANUARY 30, 1979 AT 3:00 PM

3:00 P.M. MRS. CARTER departs North Portico for Blair House.
Motorcade arrives Blair House for Madame Zhuo Lin and
departs en route to Meridian House.

3:15 P.M. MRS. CARTER and Madame Zhuo Lin arrive Meridian House
and proceed to Drawing Room to meet and circulate with
50 Chinese scholars.

3:20 P.M. MRS. CARTER and Madame Zhuo Lin to proceed to microphone
and platform to welcome guests.

REMARKS.

3:25 P.M. MRS. CARTER and Madame Zhuo Lin are escorted to Garden
Room for receiving line.

4:00 P.M. MRS. CARTER and Madame Zhuo Lin depart Meridian House
for Blair House and the White House.

NOTE: Guests from Reception Room and Drawing Room are
moved into Garden Room for receiving line, via
left Drawing Room.

Tea tables will be set throughout the house to
break the line.

MRS. CARTER

MADAME ZHUO LIN

ADAIR, Mrs. E. Ross

ADAMS, Mrs. Brock

ALEXANDRAKIS, Mrs. Menelas

ALFORD, Mr. William P.

ALLEN, Mrs. James

ALLEN, Mrs. Lew, Jr.

ANDERSON, Mrs. Blanche

ANDERSON, Mrs. Wendell

ANDRUS, Mrs. Cecil D.

ASHLEY, Mrs. Thomas L.

ATKINSON, Dr. and Mrs. Richard C.

ATLAS, Mr. and Mrs. Martin

AUCHINCLOSS, Mrs. Hugh D.

AYLWARD, Mr. and Mrs. Robert A.

BAGLEY, Mrs. Smith

BAKER, Mrs. Howard

BARRETT, Mr. Richard D.

BARROS, Mrs. Jose Miguel

BARRY, Hon. & Mrs. Marion

BARTELL, Rev. Ernest J.

BELL, Mrs. Griffin

BELOVSKI, Mrs. Dimce

BENTSEN, Mrs. Lloyd

BERGLAND, Mrs. Bob

BERNSTEIN, Mrs. Edward M.

BERRIS, Ms. Jan Carol

BIDDLE, Hon. & Mrs. Livingston L.

BIDEN, Mrs. Joseph R.

BILOSKI, Mrs.

BLAIR, Mrs. William D., Jr.

BORCH, Mrs. Otto

BORICH, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph

BRANSCOMB, Dr. Lewis

BROOKS, Mrs. Kenneth W.

BROOMFIELD, Mrs. William S.

BROWN, Ms. Betsey P.

BROWN, Mrs. George

BROWN, Hon. L. Dean

BROWN, Mrs. Leon

BRYANT, Mrs. Thomas

BURGER, Mrs. Warren E.

BURNS, Mrs. Arthur

BURROWS, Ms. Joan

CALLAHAN, Mr. Daniel J., III

CANNON, Mr. and Mrs. Harold

CHANG Chu-han

CHANG Yu-man

CHANLER, Mrs. Hubert W.

CHANLER, Mr. Oliver H.

CHAPMAN, Mrs. Clinton W.

CHAO Nan-ming

CHEEK, Dr. and Mrs. James

CHEN Chun-Liang

CHENG Lu

CHENG Yen-hung

CHEN Wei-chu

CHENG Yung

CHI Fu-sheng

CHILES, Mrs. Lawton

CHIN Han-ping

CHOATE, Mr. Allen

CHU Hsi-hsing

CHU Yu-lan

CHURCH, Mrs. Frank

CLEVELAND, Mr. and Mrs. Robert G.

COCHRAN, Mrs. Thad

COHEN, Mrs. William

CONRAD, Mrs. Mildred

COREA, Mr. Luis F.
COUGHLIN, Mr. James A.
COYNE, Mr. Marshall B.
CRANSTON, Mrs. Alan M.
CROCKER, Mrs. William H.
CROSBY, Mr. Kenneth M.
CRUZE, Mrs. Charles
CURTIS, Mrs. Carl
DAI Tsung-to
DAY, Hon. and Mrs. J. Edward
DEGRAFF, Mrs. Roberts
DELAROSIERE, Mrs. Jacques
DEUTCH, Mr. and Mrs. John M.
DONLON, Mrs. Sean
DOTY, Mr. James T.
DOUSE, Mrs. George H.
DUFFEY, Hon. & Mts. Joseph
DUNCAN, Mrs. Charles
EAGLETON, Mrs. Thomas
EBERT, Ms. Kathrine Lee
EBINGER, Ms. Putnam
EDGERTON, Mr. Wallace B.
EFRON, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel
ELLIOTT, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd H.
EPPS, Dr. Roselyn P.
ESENBEL, Mrs. Melih
ESPIL, Mrs. Jorge
FAIRBANKS, Mr. Richard M., III
FANGBONER, Mr. Harold D.
FEREBEE, Dr. Dorothy B.
FERRIS, Mrs. George M., Jr.
FISHER, Mr. Larry R.
FLYTHE, Mr. Rudolph
FRANK, MS. Ruth
FRANKLIN, Mr. DeJongh
GIBSON, Dr. John S.

GITTENS, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W.
GITIENS, Diane
GLENN, Mrs. John H.
GOLDEN, Mr. and Mrs. James R.
GOOD, Mrs. James Carter
GOODMAN, Dr. James
GRAEBER, Mr. George K.
HAMMER, Dr. and Mrs. Armand
HALFORD, Mr. and Mrs. Scott
HAMMOND, Mrs. Herbert D.
HAND, Mrs. Lloyd N.
HARRIS, Mrs. Lillis
HATFIELD, Mrs. Mark
HAYWARD, Mrs. Thomas
HEALY, Rev. Timothy S., S.J.
HEDEMANN, Mrs. Knut
HENRIE, Mrs. Edwin
HEINZ, Mrs. H. John III
HEUER, Mrs. Scott, Jr.
HOLTON, Hon. Linwood
HOWELL, Mrs. Clark
HUANG Yung-nien
HUGHES, Mrs. Paul M.
HUMPHRIES, Mr. Stanley C.
HSIA, Dr. Tao-tai
HSU Chin-cheng
HSU Cho-chun
HSU Hsi-en
HUI-Lsiem, Madame Liao
HUNG-pao, Madame Wang
Iloniemi, Mrs. Jaakko
IRIBARREN, Mrs. Ignacio
JACOBSON, Ms. Iris
JAFFAR, Mrs. Khalid
JAVITS, Mrs. Jacob K.
JEFFRIES, Mr. and Mrs. Donald W.
JENKINS, Mr. Hugh M.
JEWELL, Dr. Paula L.
JOHNSON, Ms. Patricia Ann
JOHNSTON, Mr. James D.
JONES, Mrs. David

JORGENSEN, Mr. John Henry
JOVA, Hon. & Mrs. Joseph J.
JOVA, Henri
JUDD, Mr. Ardon B., Jr.
KEMPNER, Jonathan
KHAN, Begum Sultan
KING, Hon. Mary E.
KNIGHT, Mrs. Albion W.
KROGH, Dr. Peter F.
KRONMILLER, Mr. George H.
KUNG Jung-shu
KUNG Tsu-hsun
LANTOS, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
LeBARON, Mrs. Robert
LEE, Professor James
LEGENDRE, Mr. Bokara
LESSENCO, Mr. Gilbert B.
LI Chu-hsia
LI Yen-ta
LILLEY, Mr. and Mrs. James R.
Lin Tsung-han
LITZENBURG, Mr. and Mrs. Tom
LIU Chih-wu
LIU Pai-cheng
LONDON, Paul
LONG, Mrs. Russell
LUI SI, Mrs. Hector
MA Chi-ming
MACDONALD, Ms. Marcia
MACNAUGHTON, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J.
MAGNUSON, Mrs. Warren G.
MARCUS, Mr. and Mrs. Philip N.
MARKS, Mrs. Leonard H.
MARS, Mrs. Forest

MARSHALL, Mrs. Thurgood
MARTIN, Hon. Edwin
MAXWELL, James
MCCLORY, Mrs. Robert
MCCLOSKEY, Mrs. Nancy S.
MCCORMACK, Mrs. Mike
McFate, Dr. Patricia
MCGOVERN, Mrs. George
MCINTYRE, Mrs. James
MCKAY, Mrs. Robert
MCKILLOP, Mr. David H.
MCKITTRICK, Mr. Charles E., Jr.
MCSWEENEY, Mr. and Mrs. William
MERRIAM, Mr. William R.
METZENBAUM, Mrs. Howard
MILLER, Mrs. G. William
MILLS, Ms. Letitia W.
MINETA, Mrs. Norman Y.
MITCHELL, Mrs. Walter J.
MONDALE, Mrs. Walter F.
MOODY, Mr. William S.
MORGAN, Mr. and Mrs. Harry W.
MUSKIE, Mrs. Edmund
MYERS, Mrs. John
NIU En-mei
NORRISH, Mrs. Merwyn
O'GORMAN, Mrs. Scott E.
GWEN, Mrs. Dudley
PAN Chiu-yuan
PAN Wei-chun
PARKER, Hon. Daniel
PASCOE, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn
PASKA, Mrs. Mabel M.
PATTERSON, Mrs. Jefferson

PEI Ting-yi

PELL, Mrs. Claiborne

PELLERGINO, Dr. and Mrs. Edmond

PENG Chi-hu

PETRUS, Mr. Paul F.

PHILIPS, Mr. Channing

PHILLIPS, Hon. and Mrs. Christopher H.

POWELL, Mrs. Lewis

PRESTON, Colonel William M and Mrs.

PRYOR, Mrs. Daniel

REED, Dr. and Mrs. Vincent

REHNQUIST, Mrs. William H.

REINHART, Mr. Dave

REINHARDT, Hon. John E.

RESNICK, Ms. Randa N.

RHINESMITH, Mr. Stephen H.

RHODES, Mrs. John J.

RIBICOFF, Mrs. Abraham A.

RICHARDSON, Hon. John, Jr.

ROFF, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh

ROGERS, Mrs. Bernard

ROGERS, Mrs. Donald

ROGERS, Mrs. Paul

ROGERS, Mrs. William P.

ROMUALDEZ, Mrs. Eduardo

ROSE, Mrs. Charles

SARBANES, Mrs. Paul S.

SCANLON, Mr. Thomas J.

SCHLESINGER, Mrs. James

SCHOBER, Mrs. Karl

SHAFFER, Ms. Sarah L.

SHEN Hsien-chieh

SHEN Lu-ping

SHENG Kuo-hsung

SHIH, Ms. Joan Chung-Wen

SHIH, Shuang-juei

SHIH Yen-yang

SIMON, Mr. William

SMITH, Mr. Rufus Z.

SMITH, Mr. Wayne

SNOOK, Mrs. Marion

SOLARZ, Mrs. Stephen J.

SOLINGER, Janet

SOMMERFELT, Mrs. Soren

SPASOWSKI, Mrs. Romuald

STANFIELD, Ms. Sylvia

STENNIS, Mrs. John C.

STONE, Mrs. Richard and Dottie JACOBS

STRAUSS, Mrs. Lewis L.

STRAUSS, Mrs. Robert

SULLIVAN, Mrs. Margaret

SYMINGTON, Hon. and Mrs. James W.

TAI Yuan-tung

TAN Chung-wei

TAYLOR, Mr. David K., Jr.

THAYER, Mrs. Harry E.T.

THOMAS, Mr. Ritchie T. and Mrs.

THOMPSON, Mrs. Frank, Jr.

THOMPSON, Mr. Melvin J.

THURMOND, Mrs. Strom

TSAO Hsiao-ping

Tsuei Kuo-wen

TUNG Tan-chun

USHIBA, Mrs. Nobuhiko

VAN CAUWENBERG, Mrs. Willy

VANCE, Mrs. Cyrus

VON STADEN, Mrs. BERNDT

WALKER, Mrs. John S.

WALLOP, Mrs. Malcolm

WANG Chih-mei

WANG Ching-hua

WANG Hsu-kun

WANG Tai-chieh

WANG Yi-ming

WARNER, Mrs. John

WASHINGTON, Dr. Bennetta B.

WEBER, Mrs. Charles Swan

WHITE, Mrs. Byron R.

WHITEHILL, Mr. Clifford L.

WHITELAW, Mr. and Mrs. John

WHITLOCK, Mrs. Douglas

WHITTEN, Mrs. Jamie L.

WILCOX, Mrs. Francis O.

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WILSON, Mrs. Louis

WIRTH, Mrs. Timothy E.

WRIGHT, Mrs. James

WU Erh-sheng

WU Ju-shan

WU Ke-chih

WU Shu-tung

WU Te-yen

WU Yuan-tao

YA-Ching, Madame Chao

YANG Teh-hsing

YANG Wei-sheng

YAO Chih-yuan

YEARLY, Midge

YEN Ta-chun

YIN, Professor Richard

YING Lung-an

YUEH Tseng-yuan

ZORINSKY, Mrs. Edward

ZORTHIAN, Mr. and Mrs. Barry

A Mrs. Carter
A Madame Zhuo Lin
Adair, Mrs. E. Ross
Adams, Mrs. Brock
Alexandrakis, Mrs. Menelas
A Alford, Mr. William P.
cf Jonathan Rosenberg
Alireza, Mrs. Ali
Allen, Mrs. James
Allen, Mrs. Lew, Jr.
Anderson, Mrs. John B.
Anderson, Mrs. Wendell
A Andrus, Mrs. Cecil D.
A Ashley, Mrs. Thomas L.
Atkinson, Dr. & Mrs. Richard C.
A Auchincloss, Mrs. Hugh D.
Aylward, Mr. Robert A.
Bagley, Mrs. Smith
Baker, Mrs. Howard
R Barnett, Mr. Robert W.
Barrett, Mr. Richard D.
Barros, Mrs. Jose Miguel
Barry, Hon. & Mrs. Marion
Bartell, Rev. Ernest J.
Bell, Mrs. Griffin
Belovski, Mrs. Dimce
Bengelloun, Mrs. Ali
Bentsen, Mrs. Lloyd
A Bergland, Mrs. Bob
Bernstein, Mrs. Edward M.
A Berris, Ms. Jan Carol
A Biddle, Hon. & Mrs. Livingston L., Jr.
Biden, Mrs. Joseph R.
Bingham, Mrs. Jonathan B.
Blair, Mrs. William D., Jr.
Blumenthal, Mrs. W. Michael
A Borch, Mrs. Otto
Brademas, Mrs. John
Branscomb, Dr. Lewis
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Broomfield, Mrs. William S.
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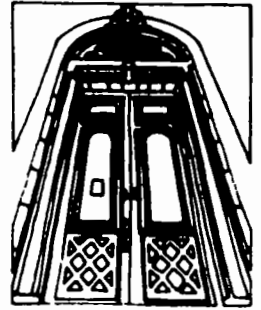
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"If a man be gracious to strangers, it shows that he is a citizen of the world and his heart is not an island cut off from other islands, but a continent that joins them." Francis Bacon

Through the ever-open doors of Meridian House pass strangers from all walks of life and from all corners of the world -- a diplomat from the Middle East, a student from Asia anxious to learn, an urban planner from Northern Europe in search of new ideas, a labor leader from Latin America as a guest of our government, a group of journalists from Africa. They come as strangers. But through the hospitality of Meridian House International and the programs and services of its affiliated groups, they leave as friends joined to us by a better understanding of our nation and its people.

The role of Meridian House International, a private non-profit educational and cultural organization, and its five service groups is to provide these visitors with a warm welcome and introduction to our country through a variety of services aimed at making their visits to Washington and the United States pleasant and rewarding.

The success it has achieved as a center of international hospitality confirms the purpose of Meridian House International and the rationale for its organization and existence. Founded in 1960 through a grant from the Ford Foundation to serve as a center of intercultural activity, it truly has served as a doorway to the USA, based in Washington but national in scope and support. The backbone and strength of all the programs are the thousands of volunteers who selflessly devote their time, efforts and the hospitality of their homes to the visitors whose first introduction to America is through Meridian House International or one of its affiliates.

There is a connecting thread linking Meridian House International to its affiliates as well as a strong common bond of cooperation among them as each performs its own unique services. The Visitor Program Service (VPS), the largest of the five MHI affiliates, designs and tailors the nationwide travel and appointments programs of foreign visitors. The Washington International Center (WIC) introduces visitors to the United States through week-long seminars at Meridian House. The National Council for Community Services to International Visitors (COSERV) is the national service network of community organizations throughout the U.S. which provides programming, hospitality and information to

foreign visitors as they travel to communities across America. The International Visitors Information Service (IVIS) assists tourists and official visitors to Washington, as well as providing interpreting and conference services. The Hospitality and Information Service (THIS) adds new dimensions to the lives of foreign diplomats and their families by helping them to adapt to life in Washington and by providing special programs for them during their assignments to this country.

The leadership of MHI, committed to providing more enriching experiences, is constantly growing, changing and re-examining its role. In planning for the future, the organization is enlarging and strengthening the mission of its operation to further enhance its role as an expanding World Affairs Center. It is proud of the growing popularity of lectures by prominent speakers, who have included such dignitaries as former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the Mexican Minister of Education, and the Ambassador of Egypt, Ashraf Ghorbal. These lectures are especially focused for corporate and academic audiences. Smaller topical seminars and discussion groups also feature speakers and briefers such as resident ambassadors, influential international visitors to the United States and others who provide the opportunity for serious exchanges of ideas and impressions on business, cultural or governmental topics.

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Guided by a diverse and distinguished Board of Trustees, the President and a small professional staff, Meridian House International relies heavily for support on private and corporate contributions to continue to create imaginative international visitor programs and to provide the important administrative and financial services for its programs and its energetic affiliates.

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The organization takes its name from the historic building which serves as the home base for the affiliates which operate under its umbrella. Designed by John Russell Pope, the architect who also was responsible for such Washington landmarks as the Jefferson Memorial and the National Gallery of Art, it was built in 1922 for the late Irwin Laughlin, a distinguished American diplomat. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Meridian House was purchased with Ford Foundation funds and has since 1960 provided facilities for conferences, seminars, receptions, orientation sessions and administrative offices.

As its doors continue to stand open, inviting America's guests, Meridian House, high on a hill overlooking the Nation's Capital, will continue to be the Doorway to the USA and Washington's World Affairs Center.