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Q. Is it true that President Nixon flew the entire U.S. Marine Band to Yugoslavia to serenade Marshal Tito and his wife?—L. N., Seattle, Wash.

A. According to The Washington Post, Oct. 2, 1970, "For the state dinner given by the Nixons last night in honor of President and Mrs. Tito in the old palace, the official guest house of the Yugoslav Government, Mrs. Nixon imported the Marine Band that frequently plays at White House dinners, and also used White House linens, china and silver. . . ."

The President and Mrs. Nixon, although small-towners by birth, believe in the pomp and pageantry concomitant with high office.