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ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

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Topic: Australian Embassy guest list for State Dinner in Washington

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Senator Evans asked: Do you have a copy of the Australian Embassy guest list?

Mr Leverett: I do not have a copy of it.

Senator Evans: Are you able to get that, or should I ask the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade for that?

Mr Leverett: I will have to ask. I certainly cannot produce it now.

Senator Evans: Perhaps you could take on notice whether you can supply a list. If you cannot, that is fine.

Answer:

The Australian Embassy offered a list of names from which the White House could choose to invite guests. As the list included more names than were places available, not all suggested persons could receive invitations. It would not be appropriate to disclose those to whom invitations were not issued.