On Thursday evening, June the first, the Fifth Annual HOPE Ball will be held at the Shoreham Hotel. The past success of this event in Washington has aided greatly in sending the world’s first peacetime hospital ship, the S.S. HOPE, to the countries of Indonesia, Vietnam, Peru, Ecuador, Guinea and Nicaragua and in 1967 to Cartagena, Colombia.

Project HOPE brings the skills and techniques of the American medical, dental, and paramedical professions to the people of these developing nations in their own environments, adapted specifically to their needs.

On behalf of the Honorary Chairman of the Ball, Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson, I should like to extend a cordial invitation to you and Mrs. Matthess to serve as Diplomatic Patrons.

Your name will be used in our HOPE Ball Program and invitations to show your interest in and support of Project HOPE. There is no other obligation.

I shall hope to have a favorable answer from you by March 28th.

Cordially,

Mercedes Pastor