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The second meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on **Tuesday, November 13, 1984**. Cocktails will be served at 6:15 p.m.; dinner is at 7:00 p.m.; and the meeting will start at 8:30 p.m. The cost of this dinner is \$40 which includes wine and a commemorative trivet tile. This price is necessitated by the special nature of the menu as described below. **Firm and preferably early reservations are requested. These must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the 9th of November.** Because of the special menu the number wishing to dine cannot be raised or lowered once the guarantee has been given to the Harvard Club. Those members not attending after having made a reservation and who fail to cancel by contacting the Secretary may be liable for the dinner charge.

EAST AFRICA: A ROOSEVELT RETROSPECTIVE

Upon leaving national office in 1909, President Theodore Roosevelt set out on an extensive East African hunting safari which he reported on at a lavish and well-attended Harvard Travellers Club dinner on December 12, 1911. On safari and at that dinner he was accompanied by his son Kermit who himself returned on two other occasions to speak to our Club.

For our 600th meeting Kermit Roosevelt's son, also Kermit, and grandson, Jonathan, have graciously agreed to join us on this special evening. The very same menu served in 1911 will be recreated, a copy of which is enclosed.

In 1960 Kermit and Jonathan retraced the route of TR's safari, visiting Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. (This was covered by LIFE Magazine and was the subject of Kermit's 1963 book, *A Sentimental Safari*.) Their illustrated talk will focus on this trip although with ample reference to the original safari of their distinguished forebear.

Kermit Roosevelt (Harvard 1938) has long associated himself with affairs and events in the Middle East. He spent the war years in the OSS there and later was the CIA's Chief of Clandestine Services, Middle East, and was involved in the return of the Shah to power in Iran. Following government service he was a vice president of Gulf Oil and is now Chairman of Kermit Roosevelt and Associates, a Washington consulting firm which assists concerns doing business in the Middle East. He is the author of several books including *Arabs, Oil, and History* (1949).

Jonathan Roosevelt (Harvard 1962), following a year of teaching in Tanganyika, worked for the U.S. Foreign Service which took him to Zaire and Ghana. Since 1973 he has been associated with his father in addition to being a partner in the law firm of Roosevelt and Roosevelt.

This very fitting talk will surely be the highlight of this historic meeting.

Please reserve the following future meeting dates: December 11, January 15 (1985), February 19, March 19, April 16 and May 28th. In December Mr. Geoffrey Tabin will speak on the 1983 American Mt. Everest (East Face) Expedition.

Club Notes: We are sorry to note that our member, Nicholas H. Vanderbilt, has been reported missing while climbing Mt. Robson in British Columbia. No further information is known at this time.

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