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- 'Thought you would be interested in this backgrnd. material on the brief tree planting ceremony Mon.

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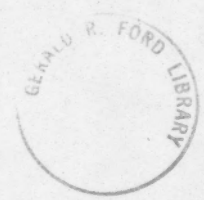
- Terry is doing a brief scenario, but the thought is the President will pick ^{you} up at the Ushers Off. en route, then go out the North Portico.

October 17, 1975

TREE PLANTING CEREMONY AND REMARKS
Monday, October 20, 1975
11:30 AM to 12:00 NOON (30 Minutes)
Near the North Portico
White House Grounds

s.p.

From: Dr. Theodore C. Marrs



I. PURPOSE

To plant a seedling from the John Adams American Elm, the oldest tree on the White House Grounds, in commemoration of our nation's Bicentennial and deliver appropriate remarks.

II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS AND PRESS PLAN

A. Background: During his Presidency, which began 150 years ago, John Quincy Adams planted an American Elm tree on the White House Grounds. That tree has flourished and grown during the past century and a half and today stands taller than any other tree on the grounds.

1. Throughout history, the planting of a tree has symbolized man's stewardship of the land and its renewable resources. The planting of any tree is a literal expression of faith in the future.

2. A seedling from the John Quincy Adams American Elm has been carefully nurtured for this occasion and now, as a sixteen foot high tree, will be planted at a spot near the North Portico where another tree once stood and was lost in 1972. The location is approximately 90 feet northwest of the Executive Residence.

3. In addition to visibility from Pennsylvania Avenue, the tree will also be in the background of regular television news broadcasts which are held on the North Grounds.

4. This is the best time for the ceremony. American Elms should not be transplanted until late in the fall.

B. Program: The plan calls for the President to deliver his remarks and then to shovel the first spade-full of soil into the pit surrounding the tree, after which the several members of Congress will also spade earth into the area. There will be a short musical program preceding the ceremony as guests gather.

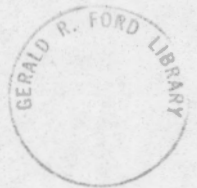
C. Participants: Congressional members from appropriate committees and from the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration Board of Directors, governmental representatives from involved agencies and representatives of various organizations concerned with forestry, environment, etc. (List to be provided)

D. Press Plan: Open Press Plan

III. TALKING POINTS

To be provided by Paul Theis.

Attached is a list of previous tree plantings by former Presidents.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Rex Scouten, Chief Usher, The White House
From: Supervisory Horticulturist, The White House
Subject: List of Presidential Tree Plantings



Following is a list of trees planted by Presidents during their terms of office:

<u>TREE</u>	<u>PLANTED BY</u>	<u>DATE</u>
American Elm (<i>Ulmus americana</i>)	Pres. John Q. Adams	1826
Southern Magnolia (<i>Magnolia grandiflora</i>)	Pres. Andrew Jackson	1829-37
Pin Oak (<i>Quercus palustris</i>)	Pres. Wm. McKinley	Mar 18, 1898
American Elm (<i>Ulmus americana</i>)	Pres. Woodrow Wilson	Dec 18, 1913
American Elm (<i>Ulmus americana</i>)	Pres. Herbert Hoover	Apr 21, 1931
White Oak (<i>Quercus alba</i>)	Pres. Herbert Hoover	Dec 21, 1931
Black Walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>)	Pres. D. Eisenhower	Apr 14, 1957
Pin Oak (<i>Quercus palustris</i>)	Pres. D. Eisenhower	May 8, 1958
Northern Red Oak (<i>Q. borealis rubra</i>)	Pres. D. Eisenhower	Oct 13, 1960
Apple Tree "Pacific Pride" (<i>Malus</i>)	Pres. J. F. Kennedy	Apr 6, 1961
Willow Oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>)	Pres. L. B. Johnson	Oct 22, 1963
Sequoia (<i>Sequoia giganteum</i>)	Pres. Richard Nixon	May 5, 1971

