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THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary to Mrs. Ford

Mrs. Ford will unveil a Louise Nevelson sculpture in Philadelphia Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the lobby of the US Courthouse.

This is Mrs. Ford's first Bicentennial appearance of the year. The occasion is the presentation of the Nevelson sculpture entitled "Bicentennial Dawn" in the new US Courthouse in Philadelphia.

The sculpture was commissioned in February, 1975 by the General Services Administration under its Fine Arts Program. It is the largest sculpture Nevelson has done. Occupying a space which measures 90 feet by 30 feet by 15 feet, the piece is multi-columnar in three floor-to-ceiling sections. It is fashioned of white-painted pine.

Participating in the ceremonies with Mrs. Ford will be Louise Nevelson; Jack Eckerd, Administrator of General Services; and Philadelphia Mayor Frank Rizzo. Mrs. Ford will unveil the sculpture by flipping a switch to gradually light the work.

The Fine Arts Program allows the GSA to set aside about one-half of one per cent of a building's estimated construction cost for funding works by contemporary American artists. The sculpture is one of 52 works to be installed in 38 new federal buildings around the country.

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