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Mrs. Ford will participate in the launching of a Boeing 727 jet painted by Alexander Calder as a Bicentennial project Monday, Nov. 17 at 12 noon. The famous American painter-sculptor has painted an abstract version of the American flag on the aircraft, which will be launched in ceremonies at Dulles Airport.

"The Flying Colors of the United States " was commissioned by Braniff International as a salute to the country's Bicentennial. The winning Calder model was unveiled in October at the conference in Washington of the Business Committee for the Arts.

Participating in the dedication of the jet will be Mrs. Ford; J. Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery of Art and one of the five museum directors selected by the Business Committee for the Arts to select the final Calder model; John Warner, director of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration; and Harding Lawrence, chairman of the board of Braniff International.

The 153-foot 727 will bear only one identifying word -- a 15-foot-long signature along its nose reading "Calder."

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