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September 30, 1975



Mr. James Preston, State Forester  
Department of Environmental Conservation  
Division of Lands & Forests  
Albany, New York 12201

Dear Mr. Preston:

This letter is in reply to your recent inquiry about "Moon Tree" seedlings.

The availability of seedlings is very limited. Of the four available species (sycamore, loblolly pine, Douglas fir, redwood) none are native to cold climatic conditions. We have recently been informed that the sycamore is a southern variety, and the Douglas fir is a coastal variety. The current supply of sycamore seedlings is not encouraging, we hope the situation improves by the Spring of 1976. These are very special seedlings and should only be planted where they have a good chance of surviving. Our Washington Office is coordinating the requests for the "Moon Trees."

The State Foresters are given the responsibility of determining where the 1 or 2 seedlings allotted to their States can be used most effectively. The trees are to be used in an appropriate Bicentennial celebration.

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Attached are photos of the installation made on Washington Square in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The cost of the plaque and tree guard amounted to \$600.00. Installation was completed by the Fairmount Park Commission.

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A copy of the memorandum sent to our Washington Office requesting that a "Moon Tree" seedling be reserved for your State is attached. The cost of shipping the seedling will be paid by the requesting State.

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If we can be of further assistance, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

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THOMAS G. ELLIS  
Information & Education Officer

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