DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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SUBJECT:

Moon Tree

NYS Dept Environmental Conservation

ATTN: Mr. J. O. Preston TO:

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Dear Mr. Preston

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Rowl 12 MAR 1976

Mr. Louis A. Maggi of our office has been in contact with Mr. John McGuire, Mr. R. Max Peterson and Mr. Philip L. Thornton of the U. S. Forest Service and Mr. Bart Zeh concerning obtaining a Moon Tree for planting in close proximity to the new Fort Stanwix National Monument. It seems most appropriate in this Bicentennial year for the planting of a Moon Tree at this monument during the dedication ceremonies to tie the old historical heritage of this country represented by the Fort and new future as reflected by the tree seed which was carried by Astronaut Stuart Roosa aboard Apollo 14.

Action will be initiated upon confirmation by your office that a Moon Tree will be made available to request that President Ford, during his proposed visit the latter part of May, participate in the Tree Planting ceremonies.

Although the specific location within the City of Rome - Fort complex has not been specifically identified, rest assured that it will be one suitable for the species of tree planted, has maximum public viewing exposure, and will receive continuous care and protection.

Your earliest response and favorable consideration is requested in order that a special committee of representative Air Force and Community Agencies may be formed to coordinate and finalize actions on this important event. Mr. J. Vincent of the Rome Historical Society and Mayor Valentine of Rome fully support this request and are most anxious for its fulfillment.

Sincerely

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DAVID L. WALDRON, Colonel, USAF Cy to: Rome Historical Society REVOLUTION SE Civil Engineer

ATTN: Mr. J. Vincent

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