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Christmas Tree folder
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NELSON C. BROWN
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

October 16, 1943

Dear Mr. President:

That was a grand day you gave me at Hyde Park and I am greatly indebted to you for your kindness.

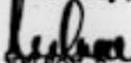
Six lumber companies have expressed an interest in cutting your timber and I hope to get some good bids from them. I expect to mark the timber on Saturday, November 5th, and then we will know about how many thousand feet there are available for sale. Although the trees are not large, they are of good quality, and I hope we can get a good stumpage price.

I have also ordered 30,000 trees divided equally between Norway spruce, balsam fir, Canadian white spruce and Douglas fir for next spring's planting.

May I suggest that you have letters sent to a number of the chain stores, particularly the American, A. & P., Community, Grand Union, Sanitary, and other stores in New York and the Hudson Valley, to sell as many of the Christmas trees as possible. I hope that the few remaining trees and the tops of the larger ones on the plot west of Mose Smith's place can be cut off this Christmas so that we can plant the entire area next spring.

With renewed thanks for a wonderful day with you, and with all good wishes for continued success in this terrific war situation,

Sincerely,


NELSON C. BROWN

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

October 22, 1943.

R. H. Macy & Co. Inc.,
Herald Square
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The President will have for sale between two and three thousand Christmas trees at his place at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York. In selling Christmas trees in past years, he has delivered them tied at his place and has sold them to stores in New York City which have sent their trucks to Hyde Park for them. These trees have run from table size to ceiling size, averaging between four and five feet.

If you would care to purchase the total of his 1943 crop, please let me know what price you are willing to pay for them delivered and tied at Hyde Park. The delivery date is usually between December fifth and December fifteenth.

Most of the trees in this year's crop are Norway spruce, Canadian white spruce and balsam fir.

If you would care to send a representative to see the trees, please ask him to communicate with Mr. William A. Plog, whose telephone number is Peughkepsic 545.

In fairness, I should tell you that I am sending letters similar to this one to other stores in New York and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tally
Private Secretary

October 22, 1943.

Bloomington's,
Lexington Ave. & 50th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

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If you would care to send a representative to see the trees, please ask him to communicate with Mr. William A. Plog, whose telephone number is Poughkeepsie 546.

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Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

October 22, 1943.

Safeway Stores Inc.,
300 Mercer Street,
Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen:

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If you would care to send a representative to see the trees, please ask him to communicate with Mr. William A. Plog, whose telephone number is Poughkeepsie 848.

In fairness, I should tell you that I am sending letters similar to this one to other stores in New York and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

October 22, 1943.

American Stores Co.
51 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

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Most of the trees in this year's crop are Norway spruce, Canadian white spruce and balsam fir.

If you would care to send a representative to see the trees, please ask him to communicate with Mr. William A. Plog, whose telephone number is Poughkeepsie 345.

In fairness, I should tell you that I am sending letters similar to this one to other stores in New York and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

October 22, 1943.

A & P Food Stores,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The President will have for sale between two and three thousand Christmas trees at his place at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York. In selling Christmas trees in past years, he has delivered them tied at his place and has sold them to stores in New York City which have sent their trucks to Hyde Park for them. These trees have run from table size to ceiling size, averaging between four and five feet.

If you would care to purchase the total of his 1943 crop, please let me know what price you are willing to pay for them delivered and tied at Hyde Park. The delivery date is usually between December fifth and December fifteenth.

Most of the trees in this year's crop are Norway spruce, Canadian white spruce and balsam fir.

If you would care to send a representative to see the trees, please ask him to communicate with Mr. William A. Plog, whose telephone number is Poughkeepsie 545.

In fairness, I should tell you that I am sending letters similar to this one to other stores in New York and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully

October 22, 1945.

Dear Mr. Laing:

This year the President expects to have a good many more Christmas trees for sale -- between two and three thousand -- and Professor Brown of the Syracuse State College of Forestry has suggested that the President get bids from a number of stores this year. You know the type and size of the trees and the President would be very glad if the Grand Union Stores would care to bid again -- especially because of past relations.

As you know, in selling Christmas trees in past years the President has delivered them tied at his place and they have been picked up by truck at Hyde Park. These trees run from table size to ceiling size, averaging between four and five feet.

If you would care to purchase the total of the President's 1945 crop please let me know what price you are willing to pay for them delivered and tied at Hyde Park. The delivery date is usually between December fifth and December fifteenth.

Most of the trees in this year's crop are Norway spruce, Canadian white spruce and balsam fir.

If you would care to send a representative to see the trees, please ask him to communicate with Mr. William A. Plog, whose telephone number is Poughkeepsie 545.

In fairness, I should tell you that I am sending letters similar to this one to other stores in New York and vicinity.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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SAFEWAY STORES

INCORPORATED

DISTRIBUTION WITHOUT WASTE

300 MERCER STREET
JERSEY CITY, N. J.

October 26, 1943

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Miss Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

We appreciate very much receiving your letter of October 22 with an offer to permit us to purchase Christmas trees from the President's estate at Hyde Park, N.Y.

We regret very much that we are not in a position to make you an offer on these trees as we are not equipped to handle them for resale in our retail locations.

We are quite sure that there will be no difficulty in disposing of these through regular channels.

Very truly yours,

SAFEWAY STORES, INC.

T. C. Wagner
T. C. WAGNER

TCW:BN

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November 9, 1943.

Dear Mr. Schaap:

The President asks me to thank you ever so much for your note about the Christmas trees and he will be very glad to hear from you when you are ready to purchase your next year's supply.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Michael Schaap, Esq.,
President,
Bloomingdale's,
New York, 22, N.Y.

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NEW YORK

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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

November 1, 1943

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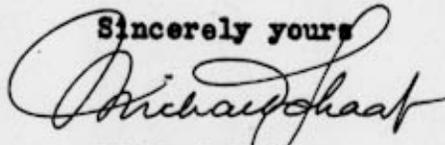
Miss Grace G. Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Tully:

We wish to thank you for giving us the opportunity to buy Christmas trees from the President's estate at Hyde Park. Unfortunately, the Manager of our Greenhouse has already contracted for all the Christmas trees we shall be able to handle with the trucking service available to us this year.

Before making any other arrangements next year, we shall be very glad to send a representative to Hyde Park to discuss buying trees there.

Sincerely yours



Michael Schaap
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG:

I am sending you herewith copy of the letter listing the people to whom we have written about the Christmas trees, together with copy of Professor Brown's letter in which he recommends trimming the brush around the Christmas trees, cutting such long leaders and wide branches, etc.

Perhaps Draiss can keep on this work from now until the trimming is done.

"F.D.R."

F.D.R.

Transmitting copy of letter which the President received from Nelson C. Brown, New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N.Y. 9/30/44, in re cutting of Christmas trees at Hyde Park, together with copy of letter which the President sent to H.F. Kaelin, Atlantic Commission Co., Inc., Newburgh, N.Y., W. D. Laing, Produce Operations, Grand Union Co., NYC, A & P Food Stores, NYC, American Stores Co., NYC, Safeway Stores (T.C. Wagner), Jersey City, J.J., Michael Schaap, Bloomingdale's, NYC and R.H. Macy & Co., Inc., NYC.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG:

Here is the order for Christmas trees this year:

One tree to be delivered to Miss Suckley at the Library; one to be delivered to Miss Delano; one to be shipped to the Crown Princess of Norway at Bethesda, Maryland; and one for Prime Minister Winston Churchill, on which I will give you shipping directions later.

F.D.R.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 20, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. PLOG:

The President wishes to send to the Prime Minister of Great Britain a Christmas tree. An Army truck will pick this tree up on December 11th. Will you be good enough to see that it is ready and packed in burlap ready to ship?

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 18, 1943.

MEMO FOR GRACE:

Take up with General Arnold and find out what is the latest date that I can deliver a Christmas tree for Winston Churchill, and send it over by a bomber or otherwise in order to reach him at Chequers, England, before Christmas.

If I am away, tell Mr. Plog a week beforehand that it should be packed in burlap and sent to wherever General Arnold says.

F.D.R.

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November 9, 1943.

Dear Mr. Laing:

The President asks me to thank you for your letter, submitting a bid for the Christmas trees. We regret to tell you that one of the other companies has offered a higher bid and we are sorry that it was not you. We shall get in touch with you next year, as usual.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

W. D. Laing, Esq.,
Manager, Produce Operations,
The Grand Union Company,
50 Church Street,
New York, N. Y.

THE GRAND UNION COMPANY

50 CHURCH STREET
NEW YORK

November 2, 1943

Miss Grace G. Tully,
Private Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Last Friday, October 29th, I made a trip to Hyde Park and contacted Mr. William Plog for the purpose of looking over the Christmas trees President Roosevelt is offering for sale.

We will be pleased to handle these trees again this year, as we have for the past several years and are herewith submitting our bid of 65¢ per tree for all sizes, which will cover all trees of a fair shape and over four feet in height.

It would not be necessary to tie these trees into bundles, as we would have our trucks pick them up and deliver them directly to our stores.

Very truly yours,

THE GRAND UNION CO.

W.D. Laing
W. D. LAING
Mgr. Produce Operations

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 10, 1943.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. WILLIAM A. PLOG:

This is just to inform you that the President has accepted the bid of the Atlantic Commission Company, 102 Warren Street, New York City. You will remember that Mr. Kaelin of that Company came to see you from Newburgh. We have told them to get in touch with you and let you know the exact days on which they will have the trucks at Hyde Park.

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

November 9, 1943.

Dear Mr. Kaelin:

Mr. Plog has forwarded your letter to the President. He asks me to write and say that as your bid is the highest, he is very glad to let the Atlantic Commission Company have the Christmas trees at the price you quote.

Very truly yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

H. F. Kaelin, Esq.,
Manager,
Atlantic Commission Company, Inc.,
Newburgh, New York.

P.S. Please arrange with Mr. Plog the exact days that you will load them on your trucks at Hyde Park.

*This letter sent instead to Frank Boyce, Atlantic Commission Co
102 Warren St, NYC, special delivery, after telephone conversation.*

ATLANTIC COMMISSION COMPANY, INC.

AFFILIATE OF THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: WARREN & WASHINGTON STS., NEW YORK

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS OF FRUITS AND PRODUCE

CABLE ADDRESS
FRUITMEN



OFFICES IN
PRINCIPAL CITIES

WHEN ANSWERING THIS LETTER
ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

Newburgh, New York.

Nov. 4th, 1943.

Mr. Wm. Plog Supt.
Roosevelt Estate,
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Plog:

Herewith, we are submitting a bid on the 2000-3000
White and Norway Spruce Xmas trees which you have to offer.

This bid is for each individual tree and should
we wish them bundled, will defray the additional charge for
labor.

Three and four feet trees	\$.65 FOB
Five feet trees	.80 FOB
Six feet and over	.95 FOB

Very truly yours,

ATLANTIC COMMISSION COMPANY, INC.

H.F. Kaelin Mgr.

HFK/k.

Miss Grace & Tully

Dear Miss Tully

Just received bids on Christmas trees & am forwarding to you will you please give to the President they are very anxious to get the order if you decide to give it to them you can write them to New York Office as this man Mr Keelan will be there who was up to see about the trees

Wm A Plog

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 12, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PLOG:

The President did receive a check for half the amount of the cutting operation.

The President also asks me to tell you how delighted he is with the progress you have made in selling the Christmas trees.

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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October 17, 1944.

Dear. Mr. Kaelin:

I shall have some more Christmas trees for sale this year from my place at Hyde Park. If you are interested in buying any and will send a representative to Hyde Park to see Mr. William A. Plog, he will be glad to show him the trees in the field.

The trees in the ground run in classes and I suggest separate bids if you want any on the basis of classification -- those, for example, from 3 ft. to 4½ ft. tall, those 5 ft. to 6 ft. tall, and those 6 ft. and over. They are mostly Norway spruce, with a rough estimate of 1500 available; there are 60 to 100 balsam fir trees; about 100 Douglas fir trees; and if you desire table trees, the total could run up to 2500 or 3000.

The trees would be delivered to your truck (with the branches tied) on Violet Avenue, about five miles north of Poughkeepsie, or at a point on the field road close to the plantations. May I suggest that it will pay to have these trees cut as late as possible to insure good condition on December 25th.

If you will get in touch with Mr. Plog at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, he will be able to see your representative at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

H. F. Kaelin, Esq.,
Manager,
Atlantic Commission Company, Inc.,
Newburgh, New York.

November 17, 1944.

NOTE:

List of those to whom the President has written in regard to buying his Christmas trees has been given to Mrs. Haberkorn in the Mail Room, and also to the File Room, to check on the mail already received and to watch out for anything which is coming in.

P.S.F.
Christmas

October 17, 1944.

Dear Mr. Laing:

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Manager, Produce Operations,
The Grand Union Company,
50 Church Street,

October 17, 1944.

A & P Food Stores,
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New York, N. Y.

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October 17, 1944.

American Stores Co.
91 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

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If you will get in touch with Mr. Plog at Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York, he will be able to see your representative at any time.

Very sincerely yours,

October 17, 1944.

Dear Mr. Wagner:

I shall have some more Christmas trees for sale this year from my place at Hyde Park. If you are interested in buying any and will send a representative to Hyde Park to see Mr. William A. Plog, he will be glad to show him the trees in the field.

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Very sincerely yours,

T. C. Wagner, Esq.,
Safeway Stores Inc.,
300 Mercer Street,
Jersey City, N. J.

October 17, 1944.

Dear Mr. Schaap:

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Very sincerely yours,

Michael Schaap, Esq.,
President,
Bloomingdale's,
Lexington Ave. & 59th St.,
New York, 22, N. Y.

October 17, 1944.

R. H. Macy & Co. Inc.,
Herald Square,
New York, N. Y.

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Very sincerely yours,

NELSON C. BROWN
NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear Mr. President:

It was grand to see you looking so well and standing up under the popgun fire of the serious-minded District Attorney.

Our estimate of the 2000 trees available for cutting in December was based upon the number of trees 3 to 4 feet tall, those 5 feet, and those 6 feet and up. We found 1365 available in the 1936 plantation including 65 balsam fir trees. This is the lot just east of the Bacchus lot. We estimate there are 100 available in the Douglas fir plantation, about 50 spruce south of Mose Smith's place, and 100 in the 1937 spruce plantation on the left of the road leading up the hill, together with 50 along the Creek Road. This means a total of 1665 trees. The proportions of those counted indicate that about one-half are 3 to 4 feet tall and the balance are 5 to 6 feet in height. Last year we made a heavy cutting of every available tree for sale and we got some very good prices.

This is why there will not be so many available for this year's cutting. In another few years we will have a very large volume running into the thousands.

I believe there will be a good demand for trees this December. If this is true, we could probably sell as many as 2,000, possibly more. Last year we cut 3480 trees and combed every plot to get them.

May I suggest that you send out inquiries for separate bids on trees 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet tall, those

5 to 6 feet tall, and those 6 feet and up. Representatives of prospective buyers should visit the plantations and have an opportunity to look over the class of stock available. I suggest you write to the A & P, Grand Union, Red & White, Community Stores, Safeway Stores, and any of the others. It might be well to write to some of the big commission houses who deal in Christmas trees along lower West Street and other distributing sections in New York, although the latter generally buy carload lots from Vermont and Canada and, after selling the trees, the farmer or cutter gets what's left and that isn't very much.

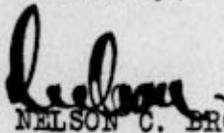
May I suggest that Bill Plog get some help to continue the job of trimming the brush around the Christmas trees and to cut off such long leaders and wide branches that will interfere with the sale in succeeding years at attractive prices? A little expense in trimming up the trees, cutting off dual leaders, etc. will prove to be a profitable investment. Frank Draiss knows how to do this as we have gone into it in detail.

For next spring's planting I will get as much Canadian white spruce, balsam fir, Douglas fir and Fraser fir as is possible. This year for the first time we found the white pine weevil in the Norway spruce, and for this reason I think we can do better with other species, although I have no reason to believe that the present planting of Norway spruce is seriously threatened. However, the terminal shoots must be cut off and burned before July 1st in order to prevent its spread in spruce. You may recall that last spring we cut down Norway spruce to only one-quarter of the total planted. Our success with Douglas fir and balsam fir indicates that we can do well with these trees, and I understand Fraser fir will prove to be a very good tree. We may have to go outside of the New York nurseries in order to get some of these trees.

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Your willingness to see me on this unexpected visit is very much appreciated. Lots of luck in the closing days of the campaign. I think it's already "in the bag". Best regards, and again many thanks.

Sincerely,


NELSON C. BROWN

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

September 30, 1944

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Hold in folder until
we get answers, bids
etc — Dot

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ATT. FDR to ATL, Comm. Co.
12-4-44

Miss Turner

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FROM The White House
Washington

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

(send through White House)

Atlantic Commission Company, Inc.
108 Warren Street
New York, N. Y.

December 4, 1944.

Offer is accepted for Norway Spruce and White Spruce.
Will you let Mr. Plog know when you wish the cutting to begin.
I have special offers for a few hundred of Douglas firs on a
much higher basis, so will you take the matter up with Mr. Plog
at Hyde Park?

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

(copy to Mr. William A. Plog)
c/o Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, Dutchess County, New York.

ATLANTIC COMMISSION COMPANY, INC.

AFFILIATE OF THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TRADING CO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICES: WARREN & WASHINGTON STS., NEW YORK

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTORS OF FRUITS AND PRODUCE

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WHEN ANSWERING THIS LETTER
ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

102 Warren Street
New York 7, N.Y.

November 4, 1944

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:-

In accordance with your suggestion, we had one of our field men visit with Mr. William A. Plog at Hyde Park and inspect the trees in the field. We are again interested in purchasing these trees and submit the following offer.

Trees 3 ft. to 4-1/2 ft. to be packed in bundles of 4 - 70¢ per tree f.o.b.

Trees 5 ft. to 6 ft. to be packed in bundles of 3 - 90¢ per tree f.o.b.

Trees taller than 6 ft. to be singles and the price to be \$1.10 per tree f.o.b.

We believe your suggestion to cut the trees as close to December 25th as possible an excellent one and agree with that suggestion.

We further agree to pay the additional labor and the cost of the tags necessary for the tying and tagging of these trees in bundles.

We trust that our offer shall be accepted and trust that we may hear from you shortly.

Yours very truly,
ATLANTIC COMMISSION COMPANY, INC.

F. J. Boyce
F. J. Boyce
Vice-Pres. in Charge of Sales

FJB:hr

ATLANTIC COMMISSION COMPANY, INC.

AFFILIATE OF THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA CO.

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WHEN ANSWERING THIS LETTER
ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

102 Warren St,
Box 931
Newburgh, New York.

October 20, 1944.

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated
October 17th, relative to your Christmas trees at Hyde Park,
New York.

We are taking this matter up with our sales department in
New York, and will advise you in the near future regarding these
trees.

Very truly yours,

ATLANTIC COMMISSION COMPANY, INC.

H.F. Kaelin

H.F. Kaelin, Manager ✓
Newburgh N.Y. office.

HFK:k.

BSF Christmas Tree folder 3-44

December 12, 1944.

Dear Mr. Merrill:

The President asks me to thank you for your letter and to tell you how sorry he is that he cannot comply with your request. He had already contracted to sell his balsam trees before your request was received. However, he may have some Douglas firs and we will let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mr. Joseph R. Merrill,
118 Hudson Avenue,
Poughkeepsie, New York.

copy sent to Phony

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

Dec. 9, 1944

Grace:

Send a nice letter saying
I have sold the balsam trees to a
company in New York but that I may
have some Douglas firs and will let
him know if I do.

copy of the letter to Mr. Plog.

F.D.R.

November 23, 1944.

GPAGE:

There is no record of a letter
having gone to this man, in regard to
the Christmas trees.

Audrey

118 Hudson Avenue
Poughkeepsie, New York
November 21, 1944

*A. B. L. 5-16
C. L. 2-16
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear President Roosevelt:

I wish to contract for your entire supply of balsams and
doughlasses at 12 cents per foot. I also would like to
purchase 50-3 foot, 150-4 foot, 300-5 foot, 300-6 foot,
100-7 foot, 100-8 foot spruces at 10 cents per foot.

If this estimate proves satisfactory, please advise as
soon as possible. I will then immediately call Mr. Plogg
and advise when to cut.

Please note that the trees do not have to be tied in
bundles.

Very truly yours,

Joseph R. Morrill

Joseph R. Morrill

Telephone-PKP-3280

BSF
Christmas
Tullyfile - 3-44

December 12, 1944.

My dear Mr. Tomlet:-

The President asks me to thank you for your letter and tell you how sorry he is that he cannot comply with your request. He had already contracted to sell his Christmas trees before your request was received.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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Arthur O. Tomlet, Esq.,
14 Evergreen Avenue,
Port Washington,
Long Island, N. Y.

November 1944

Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Sir:

I would like to buy
Christmas trees, if you have
some available. I would
prefer balsam. I can handle
one carload.

I would appreciate an
answer to this letter

Very truly yours,

Arthur O. Tomlet
14 Evergreen Avenue
Port Washington
Long Island

PSF Christmas Tree farm 3-44

December 12, 1944.

My dear Mr. Roche:-

Mr. Plog has forwarded your letter to the President and he asks me to tell you how sorry he is that he had already contracted to sell his Christmas trees to another bidder before your letter reached him.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Francis P. Roche, Esq.,
President, A. G. Nurseries, Inc.,
365 Tuohanoe Road,
Yonkers 2,
New York.

A. C. NURSERIES, Inc.

Landscape Contractors

365 Tuckahoe Road, Yonkers 2, N. Y.

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TREES
EVERGREENS

SHRUBS
PERENNIALS

November 4, 1944.

Mr. William Plog,
Supt. to Hon. F. D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Plog:

First of all, we wish to express our thanks to you for your kindness in showing us the trees which will be for sale for the Christmas holiday season, when we visited you on October 22nd.

It is rather difficult to determine the exact number of trees we will need for the coming season. However, we wish to enter our bid on the following:

50	Trees, 15-18" (Table Trees)	⊙	.25 each
50	" 2-3'	⊙	.50 "
	Norway and Balsam mixed		
50	Douglas Spruce 4-5'	⊙	.75 "
100	" " 5-7'	⊙	1.25 "

We understand that we are to take care of the transportation.

We hope you may find the above prices acceptable and that we may look forward to hearing from you at your convenience.

Again thanking you, we are

Very truly yours,

A. C. NURSERIES, INC.

Francis P. Roche

President

FPR:R