In the event of my death in office as President of the United States, I make the following requests:

1. That a service of the utmost simplicity be held in the East Room of the White House, to be attended only by the household, by those in the Executive Office who have been closest to me, by the Cabinet and their families, and by such other members of the Administration Branch as have been closest to me.

2. That there be no lying in state anywhere.

3. That the army have charge of taking the casket of the President to the capital and that immediately at 12 noon a simple service be held there. The Congress, Judiciary, and Diplomatic Corps attending. I request that the service last not more than 20 minutes and that there be only prayers and two hymns—no speaking. Every in charge all day, to the train.

4. That the funeral train leave for Hyde Park at 1 p.m. arriving there at 8 p.m. and that it be accompanied only by those who are
to attend the interment. That the Navy have charge of the train and everything thereaft
5. That an arrival at Hyde Park the casket be taken to St. James’ Church and a simple
outfit service be held, the inhabitants of minor only being invited. Casket to be borne by Marines.
6. That there the casket be taken from the Church to the dance, and placed in front of
of the East fireplace in the big room for the night.
7. That the following morning the interment take place where the final word stands in
the garden, and that the casket be carried from the dance to the garden by men from
the place including the Bristol Place and the
back farms and Vallabriga.
8. That the interment be attended only by the family, the Cabinet, the President, the Speaker
and 16 of your Senators and 2 Representatives.
9. That a gun-carriage and not a bier be
10. That the casket be of absolute simplicity, dark wood,
that the body be not embalmed or hermetically
11. That a white marble monument be placed over the grave, east and west as follows:
  - Length 8 ft.
  - Width 4 ft.
  - Height 3 ft.
The which to be set on a marble base extending 2 ft. out beyond the monument all around, but said base not to be more than two inches above the ground.

12. It is my hope that my dear wife will under death be behind that is also, and that the monument contain no device or inscription except the following on the south side:

Franklin Delano Roosevelt
1882 - 19 -

Anna Helen Roosevelt
1884 - 19 -
13. That only the Rector of St. James Church officiate
at the interment.
14. That no moving pictures be taken on
the place, and only 3 still picture camera
men be allowed at St. James or at the
house on garden. 2 Newspaper men only, press association.
15. That a detail of marines and State Troopers
guard the garden, house and grounds for a
reasonable time and that the public is not
admitted to the place until adequate arrangements

can be made.
16. That any period of national mourning be
limited to one month.
17. That subsequent care of the garden, house
and grounds be arranged substantially in
accord with memorandum covering this and
enclosed with this.

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House
Dec. 26, 1937