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REMARKS OF UNDER SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR JOHN A. CARVER, JR.,
AT PLANTING CEREMONY OF JAPANESE CHERRY TREES, AT THE WASHINGTON
MONUMENT GROUNDS, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1965, AT 2:00 P.M.

Mrs. Johnson, Mr. Ambassador, Mrs. Takeuchi, Distinguished Guests,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my very great privilege to welcome you here today to participate
in a ceremony symbolizing the bonds of friendship and loyalty which
exist between Japan and the United States.

For more than half a century, through happy years and sad, the
blossomed splendor of our Tidal Basin and East Potomac Park has
reminded us each spring of the generosity and historic friendship of
the Japanese people. Our presence here today constitutes a reaffir-
mation of that spirit.

The two trees which Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Takeuchi will plant this
afternoon represent the 3,800 trees now being installed around this
stately memorial to the father of our country. We are deeply grateful
to the people of Japan for this magnificent contribution to the
beautification of our national capital. We shall cherish and nurture
them as living reminders of our aspirations for peace and prosperity
in the world.