

See column by Maxine Cheshire, which includes an account of eight miniature trees, gift from the Chinese to Nixon in 1972, which he planned to take with him to San Clemente when he resigned. Philip Buchen would not permit them to leave Washington, on the grounds they were foreign gifts.

Cheshire: "Although the 1972 trees were officially the property of the U.S. government under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act of 1966, Nixon had never registered them with the White House Gifts Unit."