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ATLANTA BONSAI SOCIETY

Director of Plant Importations  
United States Department of Agriculture  
Beltsville, Maryland

Dear sir,

The Atlanta Bonsai Society has talked to Dr. George Avery of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and he has informed us that we can get permission to import a 100-year old Pinus pentaphylla from Kyuzo Murata of Kyukaen Bonsai Garden, Bonsai-cho, Omiya Saitama, Japan.

Because of the great age and high cost of this bonsai-tree we would like to have it shipped direct to Atlanta, Georgia, in its container with soil not removed, via Air Express.

We feel that you will grant such a permit in view of the fact that this tree will be placed in the newly constructed "Dr. A. Leslie Stephens, Jr. Memorial Bonsai Garden" at Piedmont Park and tended by competent members of the Atlanta Bonsai Society.

Mr. Berend Oortman, Chief Horticulturist for the City of Atlanta will be directly responsible for the health of the tree as per the post-entry requirements. The City of Atlanta is aware and cooperating in this project.

We would like to ship this tree from Japan during the month of May, so your soonest cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Thanking you in advance,

Your sincere,

(Signed) Mrs. Charles Busch  
Secretary to the Chairman of  
Dr. A. Leslie Stephens, Jr.  
Memorial Bonsai Garden Committee

Copies sent to:

Senior Senator Richard B. Russell  
Mrs. Grace P. Wilson, American Horticulture Society