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THE WHITE HOUSE  
Office of the Staff Director to Mrs. Nixon

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The series of historic items from the private quarters of the White House continue on special display in the East Room of the White House. Mrs. Nixon introduced the special exhibits on Wednesday, March 15, 1972, when the Madison Medicine Chest was the first item to go on display to the White House visitors.

The items with the date of display which are still to be exhibited are:

Tuesday, May 9, President Grant's Tortoise Shell Basket (from the Treaty Room Second Floor) - This tortoise shell waste basket, lined with red satin, was used by President Ulysses S. Grant in his room in the White House and later at his home in New York. It was presented to the White House in 1962, from the Stanford University Art Gallery and Museum.

Tuesday, May 23, President Jefferson's Lap Desk (from the Map Room, Ground Floor) - This small lap desk was owned and used by President Thomas Jefferson and descended in the Jefferson family. It opens to reveal a felt writing surface, several glass ink jars, and a drawer in which to store stationery. It is on loan from Mr. Laurence Gouverneur Hoes, a descendent of President Monroe.

Tuesday, June 6, Madison Chair (from the Third Floor) - This writing arm chair was used by President James Madison to dispatch messages to his staff and Cabinet after he left Washington during the British attack on the Capital in 1814. He took refuge in the Maryland home of Caleb Bentley who made the chair. The chair was presented to the White House by descendents of Caleb Bentley.

Tuesday, June 20, Gettysburg Address (from the Lincoln Bedroom, Second Floor) - This copy of the Gettysburg Address is the last copy of the address to have been made by President Lincoln. It was written by the President at the request of the noted historian George Bancroft. It is the only copy to be signed, titled and dated by Lincoln and the only copy written on three sheets of paper. Gift to the White House in 1959 from the estate of Oscar B. Cintas.

Tuesday, July 4, First Printing of the "Star Spangled Banner" (from the Third Floor) - This rare sheet music of the "Star Spangled Banner" was printed in Baltimore in 1820, six years after it was written by Francis

Scott Key. It is one of eight known copies of the first printing of the "Star Spangled Banner." A gift from the Broadcast Music, Inc., New York.

Tuesday, July 18, Lincoln Slipper Chair (from the Second Floor) - This Victorian slipper chair is one of a pair of chairs in the Lincoln Bedroom which date from the Lincoln Administration. It is covered with velvet fabric dating from the same period. Found in White House storage in 1961.

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