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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

December 11, 1973

Mrs. Frank Burchinal  
Route 6, Box 286  
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Dear Mrs. Burchinal:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 3 enclosing clipping from the Dominion Post.

With reference to your inquiry, please be advised just today I received notice that the President of the United States will light the National Community Christmas Tree at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14, 1973. I am enclosing copy for your information. This will be the ceremony opening the Christmas Pageant of Peace. I am also enclosing for your information the notice received from the National Park Service, "Energy Conservation 'Highlights' 1973 Christmas Pageant of Peace."

Again, I want to thank you for taking the time to write me. I certainly share and understand your concern with the energy crisis.

With every good wish for the Holiday Season and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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M. F. also talked to Mrs. Burchinal by phone today.

Mrs Frank Churchill

December 3, 1973

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Have

The Honorable Harley O. Staggers  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Staggers:

I am inclosing a clipping taken from  
a copy of our local newspaper in Morgantown  
The Dominion-Post, showing the lights  
on the National Christmas tree, also the  
lighted Ellipse. The wording beneath  
the picture is self explanatory.

Could you please tell me when  
the National Christmas <sup>tree</sup> was lighted, as  
I did not see it being lit by the  
President on television as it has  
always been shown in years past.

I listened to President Nixon's address  
to the nation Sunday night in regard  
to the Energy Crisis, and ordering all  
Christmas lightings such as home



displays, Street and business Christmas  
lighting be forgone this year throughout  
the Holiday Season to save electricity.

I am quite sure we as a nation realize  
the seriousness of the Energy Crisis and  
are doing, and will continue to curtail  
electricity, heating fuel, gasoline etc.  
voluntarily.

If we are all willing to ~~do that~~ our  
President ask of us why does he not  
apply the same restrictions on the use  
of Christmas lighting at and around the  
White House?

If this tree shown in the inclosed  
picture is a true symbol of all America  
then all Americans should ask Mr Nixon  
why light up a national Christmas tree  
on the grounds of our nation's Capitol  
and waste so much electricity, while  
all America is denied the same?

I realize, Mr Congressman you have  
many more important subjects to deal

With that this, but you have in past  
years always taken time to listen to  
the Complaints of the <sup>Common</sup> people. I am asking  
for an immediate response to this letter,  
Saying when the lights were turned on  
Our National Christmas tree, also was it  
televised, and if so when.

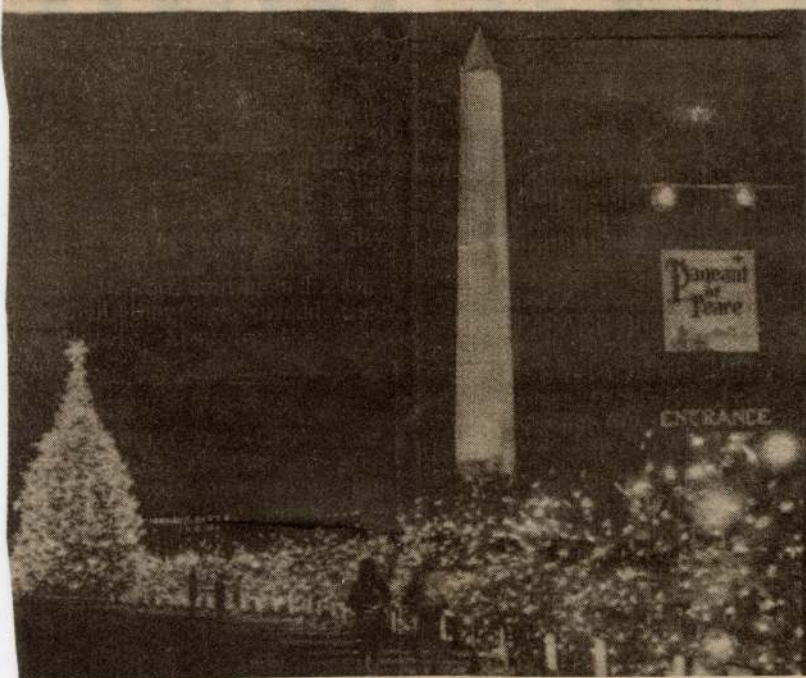
Yours Very Truly

Mrs Frank Burchinal

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UPI Telephoto

**THIS WAS THE SCENE** in Washington last night as President Nixon outlined his plans for dealing with the energy crisis. In the top photo, motorists are shown waiting in line at a typical gasoline station. In the bottom photo, the Ellipse behind the White House is shown, with the lights of the National Christmas tree in the rear.