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Secretary to Mrs D. Eisenhower

Dear Madam Secretary -

I heard on this morning's broadcast that the President had named his plane "Columbine" I wonder if he realizes how very appropriate the name is, as the Botanical name means the "Eagle".

The California Clubs worked very hard to make the "Columbine" our "national Flower" but the



"Iden Rod" won that honor.
Will you please give the
enclosed copy to Mrs Eisenhower
and tell her I think her
husband will be pleased at
the very fine choice he
has made naming his
plane. All Good luck to the
Columbine!

Most sincerely yours
(Mrs) Almira Anderson

10 February 1953

Attached list read to Mrs. Eisenhower. She asked
Major Draper to suggest to the President the name
"The Columbine II"



NAMES SUGGESTED FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL AIRCRAFT

The Crusader
Pluribus Unum
The Commander-in-Chief
The President
The Eagle
The Eisenhower
Ike's Bike
Ike's Kite
Draper's Vapors
The Wheat Shock
The Lady Mamie
The Crusade for Peace } 11 year old girl
— Mamie — MANY SUGGESTIONS
The Second Lady
The Abilene
The Cosmos
— Columbine — MRS. E. TONS MANY OTHERS.

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VOTE FOR THE COLUMBINE - - THE PATRIOTIC FLOWER

Contest sponsored by "The Nature Magazine", Nature Clubs,
Wild Flower Preservation Societies and Garden Clubs.

COLUMBINE

The Columbine is the dove flower, the ideal flower of peace. It is also the "Eagle Flower" for Aquilegia, the botanical name, means "The Eagle". Turn the spurs down and you see the talons of our national bird. The spurs of our short spurred types represent miniature Liberty Caps, and those of the long spurred, perfect horns of plenty. Face the Corolla and you have a five-pointed star. The leaves have thirteen segments, representing the thirteen original states. The colors are the red, white and blue of our flag. It grows wild in every state in the union. The name Columbine suggests Columbia and Columbus.

It blooms most profusely for three of our major holidays, Memorial Day, Flag Day and Independence Day, and this hardy flower may be had in abundance in every garden throughout the United States, for the garden forms which are marvels of the hybridizers' art are bred for both strength and beauty, making a natural and cosmopolitan flower worthy to represent our great Republic.

COLUMBINE

Browned and molded by wind and sun,
Maddening, gladdening everyone,
With a gypsy beauty full and fine -
A health to the glorious Columbine.

Goodale.