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Subject: Suggests that the Sequoia be acquired for incorporating into the Statute of Liberty / Ellis Island complex.

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 - n - 3 - George
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- Y - Study



IN REPLY REFER TO:

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20013-7127

SEP 26 1991



Mr. Stanley Smith
Vice Chairman
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
Brooklyn, New York 11201-5895

Dear Mr. Smith:

On behalf of President Bush, thank you for your proposal that the presidential yacht Sequoia be acquired to transport visiting dignitaries to Ellis Island. Because the National Park Service is the custodian of Ellis Island, your letter was referred here for consideration and response.

As you probably realize, maintaining and operating a vessel of this type is expensive. We fear that the use you suggest would be of insufficient public benefit to justify the costs that would be involved, especially at a time of fiscal stringency. We also feel that basing Sequoia in New York would be less than ideal from a historical standpoint. If the federal government were to reacquire this vessel, we would probably recommend that it be kept in its historic location on the Potomac and either returned to presidential use or opened to the public.

We appreciate the time you have taken to share your views and regret that we cannot be more supportive.

Sincerely,

Jerry L. Rogers
Associate Director,
Cultural Resources

T H E W H I T E H O U S E O F F I C E

REFERRAL

SEPTEMBER 16, 1991

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

ACTION REQUESTED:

DIRECT REPLY, FURNISH INFO COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 269612

MEDIA: LETTER, DATED AUGUST 15, 1991

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: MR. STANLEY SMITH
VICE CHAIRMAN
BROOKLYN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
333 ATLANTIC AVENUE
BROOKLYN NY 11201

SUBJECT: SUGGESTS THAT THE SEQUOIA BE ACQUIRED FOR
INCORPORATING INTO THE STATUE OF LIBERTY /
ELLIS ISLAND COMPLEX

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN
TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE
UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE
(OR DRAFT) TO:
AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE, 20500

SALLY KELLEY
DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON
PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE



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August 15, 1991

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Attention: George Bush, President of the United States

Dear Mr. President,

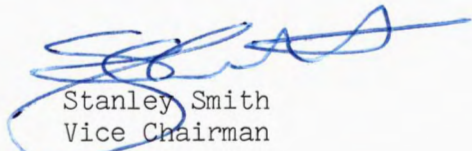
Enclosed herewith is a copy of my letter to you dated July 10, 1991 which has not been acknowledged. Your sudden subsequent trip to Kiev on your way to Moscow was most significant in uniting the Republics behind Gorbachev.

In my letter to you dated July 10, 1991, I had made an error and suggested that we arrange to purchase the former historical yacht "The Potomac" through private funds and use it as transportation to Ellis Island for visiting dignitaries. I was just reminded that the presidential yacht was named the "Sequoia". As a matter of fact, enclosed is a copy of an article that appeared in The Washington Post dated July 13, 1991.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and advise me of your thoughts on acquiring the "Sequoia" to incorporate this historical vessel into the Statue of Liberty/ Ellis Island complex.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,

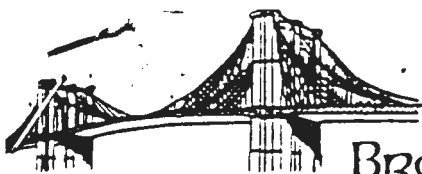

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July 10, 1991

The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D.C. 20500

Attention: George Bush, President of the United States

Dear Mr. President,

I know it will please you to read the following which is enclosed herein:

1. Copy of an interpreted article published by TASS in Moscow on June 11, 1991. My quote starts on the second page (highlighted).
2. Copy of a letter dated June 27, 1991, sent to me from Guennadi Oudovenko, Ambassador from the Ukraine to the United Nations.

Mr. President, it was with great pride to hear each and every one of 38 members of the delegation (Ukraine/ USSR) tell me through an interpreter: "What a great feeling it was to view our Ellis Island and Statue of Liberty". The message that I obtained from our guests was that "people with no money, no jobs, no common language, and a cultural barrier succeeded in our democracy". It was very encouraging to hear from these dignitaries of the Ukraine/ USSR that although their country has no money and no jobs, they do have a common language and culture. In addition, with the guidance of their friends from the United States of America, they will succeed as a democracy as they prepare to enter the 21st century.

I want to take this opportunity to commend the National Park Service for their total cooperation and ambassadorial skills in giving these dignitaries from Eastern Europe the special time to explain in detail how people from all over the world came through Ellis Island and succeeded under the flag of democracy and contributed to make our nation an "Industrial Giant". I do believe that any future dignitaries coming to visit our country should have an opportunity to see through their own eyes, and I quote Ambassador Oudovenka, "this great edifice".

The only difficult part was to arrange for the transportation to Ellis Island which I was able to get through the cooperation of the Commissioner of Ports & International Trade of the City of New York, Wallace Ford. I would like to suggest that if it were possible, to arrange to purchase the former historical presidential yacht, "The Potomac", through private funds and use it as transportation to Ellis Island for these visiting

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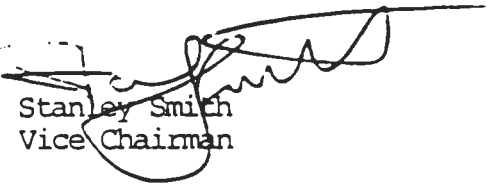
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dignitaries, especially those that come from Eastern European countries. The "Potomac" can also be incorporated as part of the Statue of Liberty/ Ellis Island historical complex.

By copy of this letter, I will also inform our Secretary of the Interior, Manuel Lujan.

With every good wish.

Sincerely,



Stanley Smith
Vice Chairman

P.S. Enclosed is an article about "Brooklyn Goes Global". We are all unofficial Ambassadors of good will. I would also like to inform you that I personally can remember only two Presidents who have visited Brooklyn. A) President Roosevelt on a campaign trip. B) President Johnson who came to the funeral of my dear friend Congressman Emanuel Celler. If ever you could find the time in the not too distant future and honor us by allowing us to honor you at one of our Brooklyn Chamber functions, this would truly be a historical event. Also enclosed is a copy of our "Brooklyn Progress". The centerfold displays the event whereas we honored Saud Al-Sabah, Ambassador from Kuwait and also Brooklyn's favorite son, Congressman Steve Solarz, for his dedication in rallying the Congress in support of our President for Operation Desert Storm.

cc: Honorable Manuel Lujan -
Secretary of the Interior

Presidential Yacht Auctioned

The yacht Sequoia, a favorite Potomac River retreat for presidents from Franklin Roosevelt to Richard Nixon, was sold at a distress auction yesterday on the steps of the federal courthouse in Norfolk for \$50,000. The only bid came from Norfolk Shipbuilding & Drydock Corp., a ship repair yard that refurbished the vessel in 1986 and stored it in 1989 when the yacht's then-owner, the Presidential Yacht Trust, couldn't pay the repair bills. "Norshipco doesn't have any plans to use it for their own purposes," said G. William Birkhead, an attorney for the shipyard, which had it appraised in January at more than \$3.2 million. He said the trust is still raising money to pay the repair costs and donate the yacht to the government, which owned it from 1931 to 1981. "In effect, it'll become a presidential yacht again in the service of the United States of America," Birkhead said of the trust's plans. "I hope they're successful."

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