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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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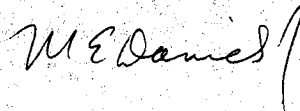
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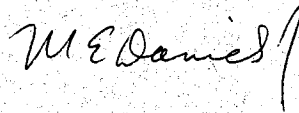
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Director, Office of Management and Budget
Attention: Assistant Director for Legislative Reference
Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Daniels:

This letter responds to your request for the views of the Department of the Interior with respect to H.R. 1000, a bill to adjust the boundary and authorize an exchange of certain lands at William Howard Taft National Historic Site.

We recommend that the President approve the enrolled bill.

H.R. 1000 would redraw the boundary of the Taft historic site to include two parcels of land that are contiguous to the site. The inclusion of these tracts within the site would benefit park visitors by giving them easier access to the site and by enabling the National Park Service (NPS) to better tell the story associated with the site. In addition, the bill would benefit the local community of Mount Auburn, as it would authorize the NPS to transfer a tract of land to a leading private educator of Cincinnati, the SABIS International School of Cincinnati (SABIS). This tract would enable SABIS, which operates a school across the street from the site, to better carry out its educational mission.

The William Howard Taft National Historic Site, situated in a designated Historic District of the Mount Auburn section of Cincinnati, Ohio, is the only memorial to William Howard Taft, the nation's 27th President and 10th Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. William Howard Taft lived at the property that became the historic site from his birth in 1857 until his marriage to Helen "Nellie" Herron, in 1886. Prior to the establishment of the historic site, the William Howard Taft Memorial Association began efforts to acquire and restore the Taft family home. On December 2, 1969, Public Law 91-132 established this site as a unit of the National Park System. In 1972, an additional 1/3 acre of adjacent land was cleared of an existing apartment building and added to the park.

The Taft Historic Site is bordered by Southern Avenue on the north, Auburn Avenue on the west, Young Street on the east, and Bodman Avenue on the south. The primary attractions for visitors are the Taft Home, and the Taft Education Center, both of which are accessed from Auburn Avenue. However, to reach the Home or the Education Center, visitors must park along either

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heavily trafficked Auburn Avenue, or at the NPS parking lot, which is at the other end of the block, at the corner of Young Street and Southern Avenue. This lot is situated between two tracts owned by SABIS, and across the street from other land owned by SABIS. Thus, the lot is far more convenient for faculty and parents of students attending the SABIS school, than it is for Taft site visitors.

H.R. 1000 would enable the NPS to transfer this land to SABIS in exchange for the tract of land SABIS owns along Southern Avenue. The NPS would develop part of this land into a parking lot, which would enable visitors to park one-half block closer to the Taft Home and Education Center than the present lot allows. The other part would revert to green space, as it was during the Taft years of 1857 to 1899. The NPS also would develop a handicapped accessible walking trail to the site on part of this land. The bill would provide that if a real estate appraisal shows the NPS tract to be of a different value than the SABIS tract, additional funds or land may be used to equalize the transaction.

The bill would bring within the park's boundary another tract, approximately three quarters of an acre that is located at the intersection of Southern and Auburn Avenues. This property presently contains a residential building with 40 apartments. For the past 18 years, the NPS has rented administrative office space in this building. The parking lot for this building, which includes a NPS easement, was brought within the boundary of the park by a 1981 boundary modification. Over the last 15 years, this tract has been offered for sale on two occasions. Both times the NPS wanted to acquire the property, but was unable to submit an offer because the property was not within the park boundary. This property has been identified in the master plan for the park as land that would further the mission of the park. While the NPS does not have a definitive plan for the use of this property at present, the tract could be used for a variety of purposes that would further the park mission, including using it to improve access to the site, to aid in telling the William Howard Taft story, and for administrative space. H.R. 1000 would give the NPS the authority to buy this property when it goes on the market in the future. Any potential modifications to the property would be accomplished only after consultation and collaboration with all identified stakeholders.

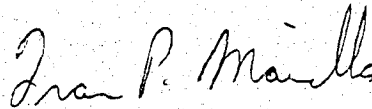
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The Department testified in support of H.R. 1000, with amendments, at a hearing before the House Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation, and Public Lands, on April 26, 2001. The recommended amendments would allow the NPS to purchase one of the properties involved in the bill with appropriated funds and make two additional technical changes. The House Resources Committee adopted these amendments and reported the bill out of committee on May 16, 2001. The bill was passed by the House on June 6, 2001. On July 17, 2001, the Department testified in support of H.R. 1000, as amended, and S. 921, the Senate companion bill, at a hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation and Recreation.

As discussed above, the land transfers authorized by H.R. 1000 would benefit the visitors to the William Howard Taft National Historic Site as well as the local community. Accordingly, we are pleased to recommend its approval to the President.

Sincerely,



Fran P. Mainella
Director, National Park Service

Memo to the Record

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One Hundred Seventh Congress
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(c) ADDITIONAL BOUNDARY REVISION AND ACQUISITION AUTHORITY.—

(1) INCLUSION OF PARCEL IN BOUNDARY.—Effective on the date of the enactment of this Act, the boundary of the historic site is revised to include an additional parcel of real property, which is depicted on the map as the "Proposed Acquisition".

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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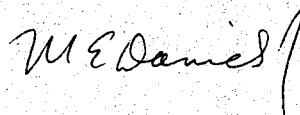
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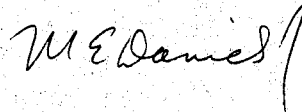
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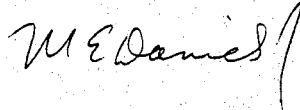
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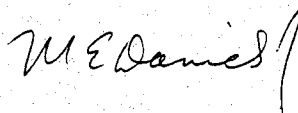
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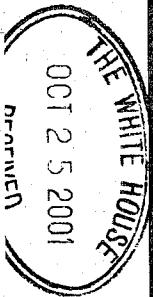
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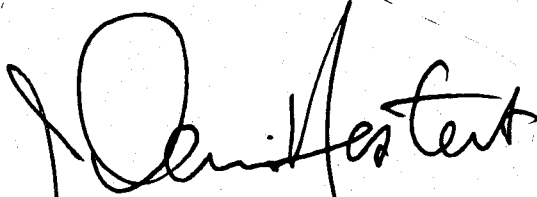


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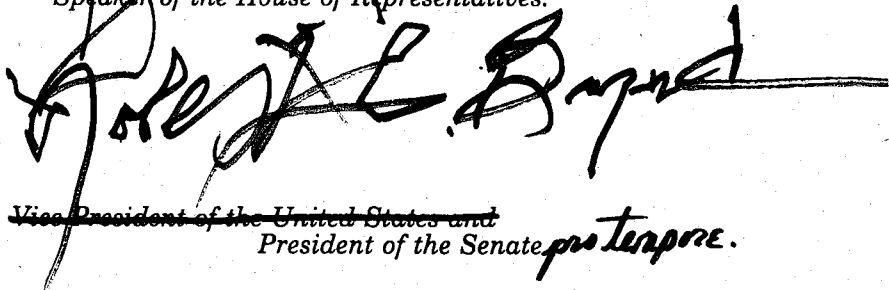
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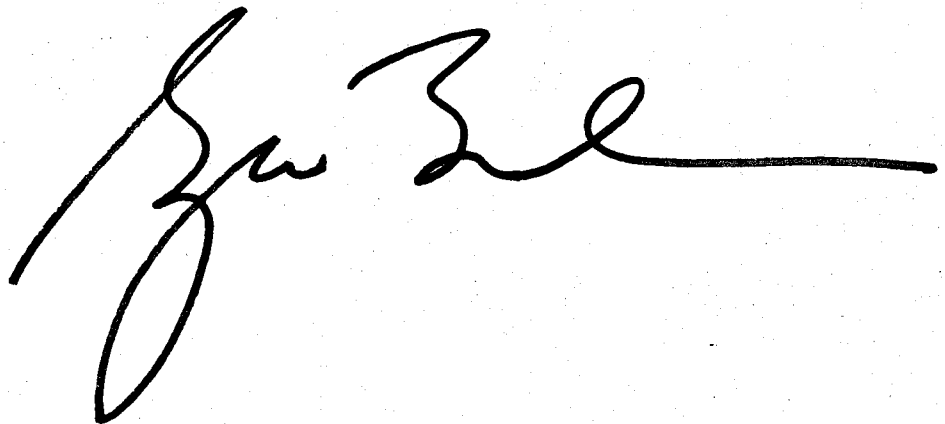


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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 Sponsors - Reps. Portman (R) Ohio and Chabot (R) Ohio

Last Day for Action

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Purpose

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Agency Recommendations

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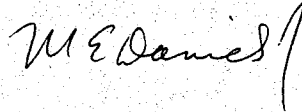
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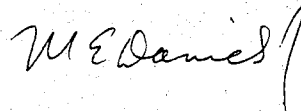
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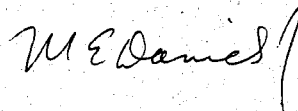
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