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*No objections on foreign policy or bi-lateral grounds. Given the diverse opinions of this project in the Group of Queens, this decision should be made by OPL. Done 2/23/98
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MEMORANDUM

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Comments:

* Please Advise as to whether or not the President should accept this honorary patron request.

Thank you.



*Honorary
Patron*

FRIENDS OF QUEEN CATHERINE

Catherine of Braganza (1638-1705), Princess of Portugal and Queen of England, after whom Queens County is named

November 19, 1997

The Honorable
President William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Under the Patronage of H.E. António Guterres, Prime Minister of Portugal, the Friends of Queen Catherine will unveil next year a major monument in New York honoring Catherine of Braganza, the Princess of Portugal and Queen of England after whom Queens County is named. The 35' bronze statue of Catherine, created by world renowned American artist Audrey Flack, has entered its final phase at Tallix foundry and will soon be a reality in New York City, where it will be placed within the Queens West Development Project in Long Island City.

The Friends anticipate the monument's inauguration during the fall of 1998 to coincide with the festivities attendant next year's centennial of the consolidation of the City of New York. Contemporaneously, the City of Lisbon will play host to the last International Fair of the 20th Century, Expo'98, at which Catherine's transatlantic affiliation will be underscored by dedication of a 10' replica of Catherine's 35' presence on the East River.

This 2.6 million dollar gift from Portugal, a tribute to the people of the United States of America, will be the second largest figurative bronze sculpture in New York, after the Statue of Liberty. It will also be one of the most significant monuments ever donated to the United States and it was made possible thanks to the generosity of many institutions in Portugal including its Government, the Portuguese-American community in general as well as many individuals from all ethnic groups as origins in this country. It will be an ultimate tribute to the friendship and good relations between the peoples of the United States of America and Portugal as well as of all other Portuguese speaking nations that are joining us in erecting the *Queen Catherine Monument*. It will serve as *A Symbol of Unit and Peace* in Queens which is the most ethnically diverse County of the United States of America.



FRIENDS OF QUEEN CATHERINE

Catherine of Braganza (1638-1705), Princess of Portugal and Queen of England, after whom Queens County is named

While we would like to request permission to include your name as *Honorary Patron* for the United States of America, to be listed along with the names of the Prime Minister of Portugal, António Guterres and the British Prime Minister Tony Blair, we would very much appreciate to receive a letter signed by yourself endorsing the monument project, so it may be included in our upcoming brochure and inaugural program .

Among those joining our Committees are President Jimmy Carter, Prime Minister António Guterres, Senators Alfonso D'Amato, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Larry Pressler and Claiborne Pell, Governors Mario Cuomo and George Pataki, New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman, Mayors Edward Koch, David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani and Sharpe James, New York City Council Speaker Peter Vallone, the Duke and Duchess of Braganza, the Ambassadors of Portugal, England, Angola, Guiné-Bissau and Cape Verde to the U.S.A. and the United Nations, The Consul General of Portugal, England, Brazil, Israel and Holland in New York and our Honorary Chairperson, Queens Borough President Claire Shulman, among many others.

In addition to proving the enclosed publication about our non-profit organization, I am also available to answer any questions your office may have related to our project. I may be reached at tel. (212) 724-7441 or fax (212) 496-7611.

Both our Board of Trustees and the numerous members and supporters we have in the United States, Portugal, United Kingdom, Angola, Cape Verde Island, Mozambique, Guiné-Bissau, Sao Tomé e Príncipe, Brazil and other nations will be deeply honored to see your name among those who acclaim our efforts.

I thank you in advance for your kind consideration to this invitation and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Manuel A. Sousa
President & CEO

cc H.E. António Guterres, Prime Minister of Portugal
The Honorable Claire Shulman, President of the Borough of Queens
President Jimmy Carter, Honorary Member



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