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Honorable Walter F. Mondale
President of the Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Public Law 95-290, which established the Lowell National Historical Park, the Secretary of the Interior is required under Section 103(d) to certify and report to the Congress within 60 days of enactment and every October 1 and March 1 thereafter the amount of money spent by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the City of Lowell, and nonprofit entities for activities consistent with the purposes of the Act. The Secretary is further required not to make available to the Commission acquisition/development funds in excess of that which has been certified pursuant to Section 103(d).

The City of Lowell has submitted statements of certification of expenditures for two projects; they are, the Western Canal Beautification and Extension Project as well as the Ecumenical Plaza Project. Standard forms have been developed by the National Park Service for use in the certification process and were filled out by the City of Lowell for these two projects. Further, an analysis form was developed for use by the Superintendent in recommending the submitted certified projects. We are enclosing the complete package for your information. You will note that a portion of the aggregate amount of money expended was HUD discretionary grant funds; based upon the terms of Section 103(d) and correspondence between the principle House and Senate sponsors of this amendment, we understand that these funds may properly be included as a part of this aggregate amount.

The National Park Service has carefully reviewed the city's submission of certified expenditures and has determined that the projects do meet the requirements of Section 103(d). Therefore, consistent with this provision, we certify and recommend that the aggregate of \$784,930.48 which has been certified to us by the City of Lowell, be accepted by the Congress.

Sincerely,

(Sgd) Cecil D. Andrus

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Enclosures