DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

May 16, 1983

Agency/Bureau: National Park Service

Fiscal Year: 1984

Appropriation: Construction

Activity: Construction

Proposed Amendment: +$2,610,000 to be provided for the further
development of Boott Mill Cultural Center,
Historic Trolley, and Historic Grant &
Loan program,
Lowell Historic Preservation Commission,
Lowell, Massachusetts

Current Program: (1) Boott Mill Cultural Center: Exterior restoration
underway, interior planning in progress to adapt boarding house structure
for joint NPS and private enterprise cultural center. (2) Historic Trolley:
Trolley system is under construction which will ultimately connect all
visitor attractions at Lowell. Two restored trolley cars will be operating
on limited track area for 1984 visitor season. (3) Historic Grant and Loan
Program: Continuation of exterior financial assistance program for privately
owned historic structures in Park and Preservation District.

Amount budgeted in FY 1984: No funds are provided in fiscal 1984 within the
NPS construction total. Within the allowance available and considering the
priority of the project, the Service was unable to include it in its budget
request.

Feasibility: The Boott Mill project will result in the completion of in-
terior work and allow the building to be opened for the 1985 visitor season.
Construction of track connections and railbed improvements will allow full
operation of the historic trolley. Funds for the grant and loan program will
allow for the rehabilitation of approximately 19 additional privately owned
nationally significant buildings.

Capability: Boott Mill Boarding House interior drawings and specifications
are in progress and will be completed by February 1984. Historic Trolley
drawings and performance specifications are presently available. Grant and
Loan obligations can be made within 60 days of funds becoming available, ex-
penditures upon completion of projects.

Outlay effect: Fiscal 1984 - $1,860,000
                  Fiscal 1985 - $ 750,000

Proposal made by: Congressman James M. Shannon