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Hon. D. S. Saund  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Saund:

Thank you for your communication of May 10, enclosing a letter of May 7 from Mr. Joseph Majas, of Elsinore, California, proposing to present to the Federal Government a monument which he has constructed on his residential property to commemorate the United States Constitution.

We are pleased to learn of the erection of this monument by Mr. Majas and of the interest in its preservation by the people of the Elsinore Valley. The creation of the monument by Mr. Majas should be recognized as a patriotic effort on his part. We are interested to learn from his letter that he wishes to move the monument from his property, either to a park or to the Elsinore High School grounds at a point on Highway 74, but does not wish to have the monument removed from the Elsinore Valley. Mr. Majas has indicated that, if the monument were accepted by the Federal Government and were retained in the Elsinore Valley, local Veterans' organizations would be willing to provide future maintenance. The National Park Service is without authority or funds with which to assist with the care and preservation of the monument created by Mr. Majas.

In addition, we should like to point out that the basic principles commemorated by Mr. Majas' monument are already recognized by established areas in the National Park System. The adoption of the Federal Constitution and the setting forth of its great democratic principles are appropriately recognized at Independence National Historical Park, in Philadelphia, which contains as its chief feature historic Independence Hall, where the Constitution was framed and adopted in 1787. Moreover, the establishment of our constitutional form of Government is commemorated at Federal Hall National Memorial, in New York City, site of the first Capitol of the United States, where Washington was inaugurated and the formative stages of the Federal Government launched in 1789-1790. Independence National Historical Park also preserves Congress Hall and the Old Supreme Court Building, which together with Independence Hall,

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formed the seat of the Federal Government from 1790 to 1800, prior to the removal of the Federal Capital to Washington. We are enclosing National Park Service leaflets on Independence National Historical Park and Federal Hall National Memorial for the information of Mr. Majas and hope that he will have an opportunity to visit these important sites at some future date.

Your interest in writing to us concerning Mr. Majas' proposal to donate his monument to the Federal Government is appreciated. We trust that an appropriate committee of the people of the Elsinore Valley and the local Veterans' organizations will be successful in their plan to establish the monument on an acceptable site in Elsinore Valley. Mr. Majas' letter is returned for your files.

Sincerely yours,

We are pleased to learn of the interest in the preservation of the Elsinore Valley. The proposal by Mr. Majas should be recognized as a commendable effort on his part. We are

Enclosures  
Copy to: DCCO  
Asst. Secy., Public Land Mgt. Valley. Mr. Majas has been accepted by the Federal Government as a Regional Director, Regions Four (2) and Five (3). Ben Thompson Branch of History Young (det.)

RWYoung:pen 5/14/59 We should like to point out that the basic principles embodied in the National Park System. The adoption of the Federal Government and the setting aside of the great scenic and historic landmarks are exemplified throughout the National Park System. Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, which witnesses as its chief feature America's Independence Hall, where the Constitution was signed and adopted in 1787. Moreover, the establishment of our national government is commemorated at Federal Hall, National Historical Park, in New York City, site of the first Capital of the United States, where Washington was inaugurated and the Executive branch of the Federal Government located in 1789-1790. Independence National Historical Park also preserves Congress Hall and the Old Supreme Court Building, which together with Independence Hall.



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1. I am enclosing the draft of "The National Constitu-  
tional Convention at Lincoln, Illinois, October 1st, 1862 to the Pre-  
sented by the National Convention" to the following information as re-

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Commissioner of the General Land Office  
 Department of the Interior  
 Washington, D.C.

Escondido, Calif.  
 May 14, 1919.

The monument is located on the corner of My lot, 1500 Lake-  
 street, Escondido, Calif. on the land owned by the people of the  
 United States and is a part of the public lands of the park  
 it is at present.

All the resources of the monument to our Government, pro-  
 per committee will be forced to save the monument to the place of  
 destination but not out of the Valley of Escondido.

The Veterans Organizations are willing to take proper care  
 of the monument in the future.

The monument is a part of the US land and is proud to pre-  
 sent the United States Government to the Government and  
 place in the hands of the United States Government.

Very truly yours,  
 Yours to be

Respectfully yours  
*Joseph M. Mays*  
 Joseph M. Mays  
 Escondido, Calif.

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