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EXHIBIT E-2

October 27, 1982

Dear Mr. Secretary:

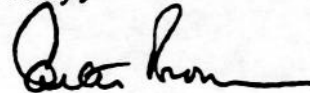
I thought it might be useful to confirm the Commission's action October 13, 1982 on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and at the same time report on my meeting on the 22nd with representatives and consultants of the Memorial Fund and your office.

I believe we all felt our first get-together since the formal hearing on the 13th was most useful. We reviewed our position of having given conditional approval to the sculpture and flag, with the location of those elements and the name locator subject to further study. We believe that all three elements should be grouped near the southwest end of the memorial; the exact relationship remains to be determined.

For the purposes of the dedication, a flag or group of flags could be erected as part of the ceremonial structures, e.g. stands, lecterns or speakers platforms, and we concur that it may not be necessary to pin down the permanent location of the flag prior to the Veterans' Day ceremonies.

No date has been set for our next meeting, but I indicated I would be glad to meet as soon as the Memorial Fund consultants come up with some specific studies. I believe we are very close to a solution and look forward to hearing from them soon.

Sincerely,



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Chairman

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