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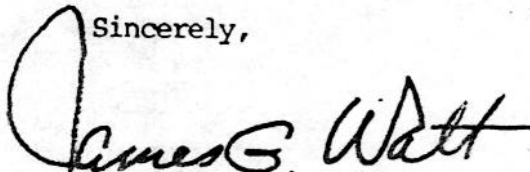
Dear Mr. Scruggs:

Pursuant to Public Law 96-297 and in response to your letter and attachments of February 11, 1982, we hereby approve the design and plans for for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial with the express understanding that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund will add better and proper language bringing honor to all 2.7 million Americans who served in Vietnam as well as design refinements, by separate submittal, for a flag staff at the site and a statue of a serviceman. We have been assured—verbally and in writing—that these design refinements will receive favorable consideration from the National Capital Planning Commission and the Commission on Fine Arts. Moreover, the approval process, fund certification and construction of these refinements must be completed prior to any dedication of the memorial.

It is also our judgment, based upon the approved design and plans and the construction and financial data you submitted, that sufficient funds are available to ensure completion of the work.

We congratulate the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund on its achievement in bringing this memorial to fruition, and look forward to groundbreaking.

Sincerely,


SECRETARY