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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the
Hon. Charles M. Wiggins
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order
Pursuant to your recent request, there is enclosed a draft of a
bill "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the
Richard M. Nixon National Historic Site in the State of California,
and for other purposes."

The bill has been drafted as a service to you. Since it has not
been cleared by the Bureau of the Budget you will appreciate, I am
sure, that we can make no commitment as to the Department's position
on the bill at this time.

or by exchange, the property or any interest therein in the municipi-
pality of Yorba Linda, California, in the State of California,
identified as _____ Boulevard, including improve-

Sincerely yours,
David B. Ferrigan

Acting Legislative Counsel

Enclosure

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Historic Site, and it shall be administered by the Secretary

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To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Richard M. Nixon National Historic Site in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to preserve in public ownership the birthplace of Richard M. Nixon as a national historic site, the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is hereby authorized to acquire by donation, purchase with donated or appropriated funds, or by exchange, the property or any interest therein in the municipality of Yorba Linda, county of Orange, in the State of California, identified as number 18061 Yorba Linda Boulevard, including improvements thereon, together with such adjacent lands and interest therein as the Secretary may deem necessary for the establishment and administration of the property as a national historic site: Provided, That any property within such area owned by the State of California or a political subdivision thereof, may be acquired only by donation. The Secretary is further authorized to acquire by any of the above means personal property used and to be used in connection with the national historic site.

SEC. 2. The property acquired pursuant to the first section of this Act shall be known as the Richard M. Nixon National Historic Site, and it shall be administered by the Secretary

pursuant to the Act of August 25, 1916 (39 Stat. 535), as amended and supplemented (16 U.S.C. 1, 2-4), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (49 Stat. 666; 16 U.S.C. 461-467).

SEC. 3. There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act.

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Memorandum

To: Legislative Counsel
Through: Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife,
Parks, and Marine Resources
From: ^{the} Assistant Director, National Park Service
Subject: Meeting with Rep. Charles E. Wiggins (R-California),
on Nixon Birthplace

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Messrs. Utley and Lambe of the National Park Service met with Representative Wiggins on September 12 at his request to discuss H.R. 7360, his bill to establish the Nixon Birthplace National Historic Site in Yorba Linda, California. The property is owned by a local school district.

Of chief concern to the Congressman was the state constitutional impediment to donation of the birthplace home. The precedents for donations were pointed out to him, including the recent Senate action which amended the LBJ proposal to require acquisition by donation only.

Mr. Utley also outlined the Service procedures regarding determination of historical significance and the need for a suitability-
feasibility study on which to base a Departmental report on the bill. The Congressman was advised that a recommendation on designating the birthplace as a National Historic Landmark would be submitted to the Advisory Board for its consideration in October. Following the Board's advice to the Secretary, the Congressman will be notified and a ceremony will be worked out with his office for presentation of a landmark plaque, probably in December or January.

Representative Wiggins offered to contact the White House to determine (1) whether the President wished studies on suitability and feasibility to proceed at this time, and (2) if so, what the President's wishes are on the donation vs. Federal purchase question. He will write the Secretary when he hears from the White House.

Thomas F. Flynn, Jr.

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