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Mrs John F Kennedy
White House
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Dear Mrs Kennedy:

We have had many presidents. in the White House, but very few have left, something, that will make America always remember them.

I am writing to you because I feel that you are the logical one to do what I have had in mind for a long time. You ofcourse want your great husband to go down in history, so that his name shall never be forgotten, and here is an idea that will perpetuate the name of

JOHN F KENNEDY

As you know, we have a statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, given to us by France years ago. God Bless them. Now it is my idea that we should have a similar statue in the Golden Gate of San Francisco. But instead of a statue of Liberty we should have a Big Statue of Uncle Sam His feet would rest on two man made islands. some distance apart. His height would be approx 200 feet, and the rest of the body in proportion.

His arms should be stretched out in Welcome. to the peoples of the Pacific. He should be in colors, as we all know him Long Blue Coat top hat and striped trousers. A suitable plak. should be at the base. with similar words to those on the statue of liberty. Here is a suggestion.

Welcome, to all free, Christians . of foreign lands. to the land of opportunity. This is really the

GOLDEN GATE FOR YOU

and I do mean YOU From President John F Kennedy
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I know you could do better, with the education that you have This is just an idea I have had for sometime. and if you are not interested I will try and sell the idea to some Foreign power like Japan or the Phillipines.

I live on a \$3.00 a month social security. If you decide to accept this idea. It is yours for nothing, as both you and your husband are both great Americans. If I sell it I shall ask 1,000.00 for the idea.

Let me know how you regard this idea Please

Yours very truly

Ray Somers

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Mr. Ray Somers
1003 Lane Avenue
Mountain View, California

Dear Mr. Somers:

Your letter dated August 18, addressed to Mrs. John F. Kennedy, has been referred to this office for reply.

Your patriotic spirit in suggesting a statue of Uncle Sam at Golden Gate, San Francisco, welcoming peoples of the Pacific to the United States, is greatly appreciated. Unfortunately, however, there are no funds available to this Service, or to any other agency of the Federal Government that we know of, for such a purpose.

Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

/S/ CHARLES W. PORTER III

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Acting Chief Historian

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