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July 5, 1965

Dr. Wallace E. Stegner 13456 South Fork Land Los Altos Hills, California 94022

Dear Dr. Stegner:

You are listed in the <u>Congressional Directory</u> as Vice Chairman of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments. I am also aware of your interest in local conservation projects.

For some years I have been interested in the history and geography of the American West.

Last year I visited Wounded Knee, Pine Ridge Reservation, Shannon County, South Dakota. As you are perhaps aware, Wounded Knee Creek in the vicinity of the present Wounded Knee community was the site of the massacre of 200 or more Sioux Indians by U. S. Cavalry on December 29, 1890; the last great "battle" between Indians and U.S. forces.

It would seem only appropriate that the Wounded Knee Battlefield area be designated and developed as a National Monument, even as Custer Battlefield in Montana and a host of sites of lesser importance than Wounded Knee.

If you would support a program leading to establishment of the Wounded Knee Battlefield area as a National Monument, I would appreciate hearing from you.

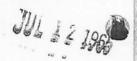
Very truly yours,

/s/ John W. Pollock

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Robert Utley Chief, Historical Division National Park Service Department of the Interior Washington, D.C.

Dear Bob:

I can't find the list of sites considered for National Landmark Status, and it could well be, as Mr. Pollock says, that Wounded Knee is deserving of something better. I don't think a National Monument, but maybe a National Historic Site/ Can you have someone check the list of sites considered, designated, and rejected, to see if this one is there? I'd appreciate it if you'd let me know. No hurry.

Yours, Mallace Stegner 3 Ben Lomond Drive o Alto, California 94306

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Dr. Wallace E. Stagner Department of English Stanford University Stanford, California

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Dear Wally:

I believe the enclosed memorandum and its attachment will answer your question about Gounded Inee. It. Pollock wrote to me too. He had recently read my Last Days of the Sioux Sation, which deals largely with the battle, and urged my support of his proposal.

Several of us in the Service falt strongly that Wounded Knee should have been favorably recommended, but we were overruled. Now it may be too late, for recent advice indicates that highway construction may have impaired the integrity of the site unacceptably.

I am returning Mr. Pollock's letter.

We are looking forward to secting with you in Cerober.

Sincerely yours.

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Absort M. Utley Chief, Division of Elstery Studies

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