

I have received petitions from my Congressional District signed by over twenty-five hundred citizens who are deeply interested in establishing a monument to the American Flag and an historical museum on Goat Island, San Francisco Bay.

Goat Island is the central anchorage of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, and on the shoals adjacent thereto, the Federal Government is now building the site for a World's Fair to be held during 1938, after which this reclaimed land will become the San Francisco municipal airport.

The erection of a national monument on Goat Island, which rises 343 feet above the surface of San Francisco Bay, may serve the useful purpose of an air beacon and weather bureau station for this public airport; in addition to its value as an educational, inspirational, and patriotic benefit to the community.

Accordingly, I respectfully request that: under authority granted you during the

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March 24, 1937

The Director  
National Park Service  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Spalding

Subject: Monument to the American Flag on  
Goat Island, San Francisco Bay

Dear Mr. Director:

Your letter of March 18 inquiring whether a report on the investigation of the proposed monument to the American Flag on Goat Island, in San Francisco Bay, California, was ever completed has been received.

As indicated in the attached copies of my letters of June 12, 1936, to Acting Assistant Director Chatelain and Associate Historian Ewing, reports, correspondence and films relating to historical work in Region Four were left at the San Francisco Regional Office prior to my departure from Berkeley. I believe the correspondence included the communications from Honorable John T. Tolan, referred to in your letter.

No field investigation of the proposal to have a Monument to the American Flag erected on Goat Island was made before my departure from California. The proposal was discussed with Dr. Ewing with the understanding, on my part at least, that he would undertake the investigation and complete the report. An historical account of Goat Island, entitled "Yerba Buena Island" by George Walcott Ames, Jr. was, however, completed. This was accomplished through the cooperation of Dr. A. V. Neasham who was supervisor for a California WPA project engaged in preparing monographs on historical sites and landmarks in that state. If the Washington office did not receive this monograph on Yerba Buena Island Dr. Ewing should have copies of it available.

I sincerely hope that the arrangements made in this matter and my failure to make a field report will not cause you any serious inconvenience.

Sincerely yours,

Paul V. Brown, Regional Officer  
Region Two, National Park Service

By Olaf F. Hagen  
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WASHINGTON

April 9, 1937

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National Park Service,  
601 Sheldon Building,  
San Francisco, California.

Attention: Dr. Russell C. Ewing.

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Dear Sir:

Does Goat Island (Yerba Buena) in San Francisco Bay deserve consideration as an historic site? As you probably know, effort has been made to erect a monument to the American flag on Goat Island.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) Branch Spalding

Acting Assistant Director.

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