

Jean M. Campbell
255 East Street
Weymouth
Mass

JUN 6
1966

Dear Mr. President
Of The United States
And Possessions.

Enclosed herewith is a picture that has struck the fancy of my three sons who are aged 17, 11, and 7 years of age. I was just putting them off ~~the~~ to bed when they happened to see this picture of our Past President of our Country, in our local newspaper. They all exclaimed, say mom. how about sending this to President Johnson. maybe he could be interested in helping this man to have this likeness of our Past President made into a Memorial Park way out there in California. like Mr. Lincoln was etched out of a mountain? So I said I would do my best to write a letter to you Mr. President to see what you could do about this wonderful idea, my children and I'm sure the whole world would enjoy.

Sincerely and Hopefully
I Remain. Mrs. Jean Campbell

John M. Marshall

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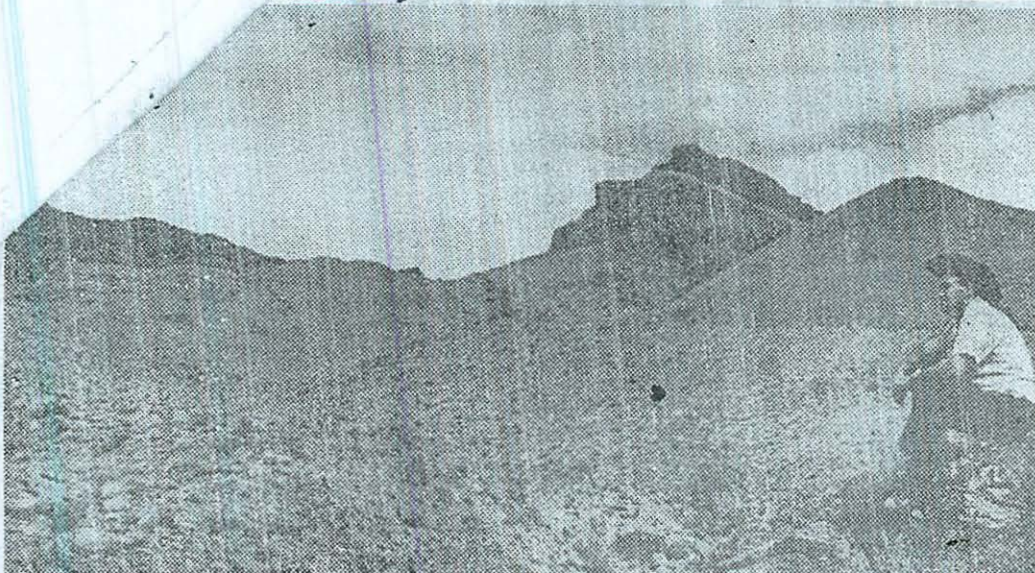
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KENNEDY LYING IN STATE?—Edward Borzansky sits near a scene on California's Mojave Desert which he discovered nine months before the assassination of President Kennedy. The mountain profile makes a strik-

ing likeness of the late President, and Borzansky is seeking to have it recorded as a memorial. He found it—miles from human habitation—while hunting for lost mines.

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JUN 10 1966

Mrs. Jean W. Campbell
255 East Street
Weymouth, Massachusetts 02673

Dear Mrs. Campbell:

On behalf of President Johnson, we would like to thank you for your recent letter in which you suggested a John F. Kennedy memorial park in the Mojave desert.

One of the objectives of the Federal Government is to preserve in the National Park System a collection of nationally significant areas from which Americans, young and old, can gain a deeper understanding of the great events that have influenced our society and of the individuals associated with those events. Thus, in commemorating our Presidents, we believe, and wonder if you might not agree, that it is better to select sites or structures for addition to our National Park System that are associated with the actual careers and contributions of the men they commemorate or that were closely associated with their lives. This gives a greater meaning to both the site and the individual, by showing a relationship between the two and making it possible to relate both to the stream of American history.

Your three sons should be complimented for their alertness in seeking a way to commemorate the late President Kennedy. We hope this letter does not discourage them. They may be interested in the qualities we look for in considering new areas for the National Park System. Pages 13-15 of the enclosed booklet, "NPS Criteria for Parklands," refers specifically to historical areas.

Along with the President, we wish to thank you for taking the time to write concerning your proposal.

Sincerely yours,

(SGD) THEODOR R. SWEM

Acting Director

Enclosure
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August 3, 1966

Dear Mr Secretary:

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I have just learned that a mountain located at Needles, California, bears a profile of President John F. Kennedy.

I respectfully request that this mountain be designated as a memorial to President Kennedy.

Respectfully yours,

William J. Cronin

1940 Buckner St
Petersburg, Va.

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We are very appreciative of your interest and wish to thank you for taking the time to send us your suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

C. Gordon Fredine

Acting Assistant Director

Enclosure

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 [Signature]

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AUG 19 1966

Mr. William J. Cronin
 1940 Buckner Street
 Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. Cronin:

Secretary Udall has asked us to reply to your letter of August 3 regarding the designation of a particular mountain near Needles, California, as a memorial to President Kennedy.

We are familiar with the site you have mentioned. It is a formation in the Mohave Desert which, when viewed from a certain angle, does bear a resemblance to the late President Kennedy, if you view it with this in mind.

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