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Dear Miss Del Deo:

This is in response to your letter of 26 March 1975, which enclosed a copy of your letter of 24 March 1975 to my Chief of Staff. Your statement of position as contained in these two letters is acknowledged. We stated our position in my Chief of Staff's letter of 19 April 1975, in response to your letter of 24 March 1975, and in my letter of 14 March 1975.

You have now requested that, should the United States Coast Guard purchase the Atlantic Coast Trust site, a portion of that site be donated or provided to some local organization for construction of an information center and museum. It is somewhat premature to begin discussion at this point concerning the utilization of the site, as we have not yet completed all the necessary preliminary work, obtained the substantial funding necessary for acquisition, nor exercised our option on the premises. When and if we have successfully dealt with those problems, we will have the opportunity to address ourselves more thoroughly to your proposal.

My initial reaction is that, between the time that we might acquire title to the site and the actual commencement of station construction, there is some possibility that we might be able to make a portion of the premises available to some responsible town organization under a revocable license arrangement. I doubt sincerely, however, that we would be in a position to declare any portion of the site excess and available for any non-federal use after commencement of the construction of the new Coast Guard station.

If you would care to do so, please feel free to correspond with me further on this matter after the 1st of July next, at which time we should know better where we stand.

Sincerely,

J. P. STEWART
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