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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
FROM: JIM CANNON
SUBJECT: Enrolled Bill H.R. 2724 - Father Marquette National Memorial, Michigan

Attached for your consideration is H.R. 2724, sponsored by Representative Ruppe, which directs the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Governor of the State of Michigan to establish the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan.

Additional information is provided in OMB's enrolled bill report at Tab A.

OMB, Max Friedersdorf, Counsel's Office (Lazarus) and I recommend approval of the enrolled bill.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign H.R. 2724 at Tab B.



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 17 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Enrolled Bill H.R. 2724 - Father Marquette
National Memorial, Michigan
Sponsor - Rep. Ruppe (R) Michigan

Last Day for Action

December 24, 1975 - Wednesday

Purpose

Directs the Secretary of the Interior to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Governor of the State of Michigan to establish the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan.

Agency Recommendations

Office of Management and Budget	Approval
Department of the Interior	Approval

Discussion

Under the provisions of P.L. 89-187, the Father Marquette Tercentenary Commission was directed to develop suitable plans for the commemoration of Father Marquette's life in North America, including investigating the establishment of a permanent national monument or memorial. Father Marquette was a Jesuit missionary who came to the new world in 1666 and explored much of the Mississippi River and Great Lakes regions of North America. Pursuant to P.L. 89-187, the Commission proposed establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial in December of 1973.

H.R. 2724 would direct the Secretary of the Interior to enter into an agreement with the Governor of the State of Michigan providing for the location, design, construction, and operation by the State of Michigan

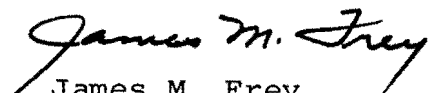
(as a state park) of the Father Marquette National Memorial. The Secretary would be authorized to provide assistance to the State of Michigan, including technical advice and land acquisition grants, but such assistance could not exceed \$1,000,000.

H.R. 2724 is identical to the bill which Interior favorably reported upon to the House Interior Committee, except that the ceiling on the Federal funding contribution was then \$500,000. In its report on the introduced bill, Interior concluded that:

"Enactment of H.R. 2724 would represent a fitting and meaningful step in commemorating the advent and history of Father Marquette in North America."

With respect to the higher ceiling (\$1,000,000) for Federal funding, the House Interior Committee's report expressed the view that:

"... this Federal contribution could be justified since other Federal matching assistance is not to be made available. Testimony during the hearings indicated that area acquisition and development at both the memorial and mission sites will be in excess of \$2,000,000 and the remainder of this cost is to be borne by the State."


James M. Frey
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference

Enclosures

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.: 1400

Date: December 18

Time: 100pm

FOR ACTION: George Humphreys *GH*
Max Friedersdorf *MF*
Ken Lazarus *KL*

cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Warren Hendriks

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: December 19

Time: 200pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 2724 - Father Marquette National Memorial,
Michigan

ACTION REQUESTED:

For Necessary Action

For Your Recommendations

Prepare Agenda and Brief

Draft Reply

For Your Comments

Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

Please return to Judy Johnston, Ground Floor West Wing

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If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

K. R. COLE, JR.
For the President



United States Department of the Interior

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

DEC 16 1975

Dear Mr. Lynn:

This responds to your request for the views of this Department on the enrolled bill H.R. 2724, an Act "To provide for establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan, and for other purposes."

We recommend that the President approve this enrolled bill.

Enrolled bill H.R. 2724 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the Father Marquette National Memorial following conclusion of an agreement between the Governor of the State of Michigan and the Secretary providing for the location, design, construction, and operation by the State of the memorial, and upon the Secretary's determination that the State has acquired sufficient lands to constitute an efficiently administrable memorial. The bill also would authorize the Secretary to assist in the development of the memorial following conclusion of the aforementioned agreement. For this purpose the bill would authorize appropriation of \$1,000,000.

Public Law 89-187, enacted September 15, 1965, established the Father Marquette Tercentenary Commission. Section 2 of the Act provided

"...the Commission shall investigate, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, the desirability and suitability of establishing a permanent national monument or memorial to commemorate the historical events associated with the life of Father Jacques Marquette in the New World. The Secretary of the Interior shall submit a report of such investigation to the President for transmittal to the Congress, together with any recommendations which the President may deem appropriate."

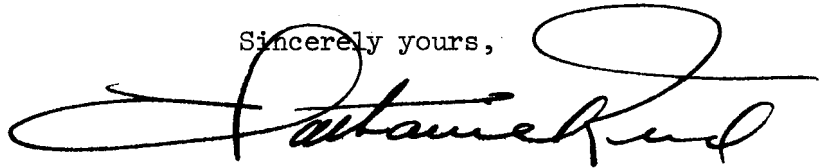
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St. Ignace is an appropriate location for this memorial inasmuch as there Father Marquette established a mission in 1671, embarked on the historic exploration of the Mississippi River, in company with Louis Jolliet, in 1673, and was buried in 1678. The site of his grave and mission has been designated a National Historic Landmark. The proposed Father Marquette National Memorial would be funded jointly by the State of Michigan and the Federal Government, and would be owned, developed, and administered by the State as a state park. The cost of the memorial is expected to total approximately \$2 million.

Approval of this legislation will represent a fitting and meaningful step in commemorating the advent and history of Father Marquette in North America.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia K. Reed". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Assistant Secretary of the Interior

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C. 20503

Date: December 18

Time: 100pm

FOR ACTION: George Humphreys
Max Friedersdorf
Ken Lazarus ✓cc (for information): Jack Marsh
Jim Cavanaugh
Warren Hendriks

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: December 19

Time: 200pm

SUBJECT:

H.R. 2724 - Father Marquette National Memorial,
Michigan

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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No objection.

Ken Lazarus

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: JIM CAVANAUGH
FROM: MAX L. FRIEDERSDORF *M.L.F.*
SUBJECT: H. R. 2724 - Father Marquette National Memorial
Michigan

The Office of Legislative Affairs concurs with the agencies
that the subject bill be signed.

Attachments

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To
J. Casper
12-17-75
6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

DEC 17 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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National Memorial, Michigan
Sponsor - Rep. Ruppe (R) Michigan

Last Day for Action

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Office of Management and Budget Approval

Department of the Interior Approval

Discussion

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PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FATHER
MARQUETTE NATIONAL MEMORIAL NEAR ST. IGNACE,
MICH., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

NOVEMBER 20 (legislative day NOVEMBER 18), 1975.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. CANNON, from the Committee on Rules and Administration,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2724]

The Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred the bill (H.R. 2724) to provide for establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan, and for other purposes, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

H.R. 2724 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the Father Marquette National Memorial following conclusion of an agreement between the Governor of the State of Michigan and the Secretary providing for the location, design, construction, and operation by the State of the memorial, and upon the Secretary's determination that the State has acquired sufficient lands to constitute an efficiently administrable memorial. The bill also would authorize the Secretary to assist in the development of the memorial following conclusion of the aforementioned agreement. For this purpose the bill would authorize appropriation of up to \$1,00,000.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

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As proposed by this legislation, the memorial would be administered as a unit of the Michigan State Park System. Operation and protection

of the memorial would be the responsibility of the State. Acreage for the proposed memorial has already been acquired, and plans for a memorial structure, a visitor reception center, and an amphitheater have been submitted.

Under the terms of H.R. 2724, the Secretary of the Interior would be authorized to give technical advice and planning assistance to the State, as well as grants for acquisition and development of the area, but the site is to be administered and operated by the State. Total acquisition and development costs for the memorial site itself, as well as for restoration work and related costs associated with the nearby mission site in St. Ignace, Mich., are estimated to be approximately \$2,000,000. The Federal contribution, by the terms of the bill, would be limited to not more than \$1,000,000.

SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

Section 1 authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to commemorate the history of Father Marquette, and recognizes the area of Saint Ignace, Michigan, as an appropriate site for a memorial.

Section 2 directs the Secretary to enter into a suitable agreement with the Governor of the State of Michigan with respect to the location, design, construction and operation of a memorial for Father Marquette. After the State has acquired sufficient lands for the memorial site, the Secretary is authorized to designate the site as the Father Marquette National Memorial.

Section 3 authorizes the Secretary, following the completion of the cooperative agreement specified in section 2, to assist the State by providing technical advice and by granting funds for the acquisition and development of the area.

Section 4 provides that not more than \$1,000,000 may be appropriated for the grants authorized by this legislation.

COST

The bill as reported by the Committee authorizes up to \$1,000,000 in grants to be made by the Secretary of the Interior to assist the State of Michigan in the acquisition and development of lands for a Father Marquette National Memorial. The authorization figure as adopted by the Committee is intended to cover the Federal share of costs a both the memorial site itself and the mission site in nearby St. Ignace. No additional Federal funds are to be available for this project from either the Land and Water Conservation Fund or the matching program authorized by the Historic Preservation Act of 1966, nor are any of the funds authorized to be used for the continuing operation and maintenance of the memorial.

BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE

While H.R. 2724 contemplates the expenditure of \$1,000,000 in furtherance of this project, it should be noted that this amount represents only half of the total estimated cost of this undertaking. Without this legislation, it is reasonable to assume that some Federal matching assistance could be made available either under the Land and Water

Conservation Fund or through the Historic Preservation Fund; consequently, the impact on the budget will be minimal at most.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT

It is not likely that this relatively small project will result in any significant effect on the national economy, since it involves only a modest expenditure which will undoubtedly be spread over a period of years.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration is reporting H.R. 2724 with a recommendation that the measure be referred also to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs for consideration. This recommendation is predicated on the fact that that Committee has general jurisdiction over the National Park Service and the preservation and interpretation of our national heritage, and also has held hearings on a similar proposal in a previous Congress.

SUPPORTING LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

A letter in support of H.R. 2724 addressed to Hon. James A. Haley, chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, by Nathaniel P. Reed, assistant secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, is as follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, D.C., June 4, 1975.

HON. JAMES A. HALEY,

Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Your Committee has requested the views of this Department on H.R. 2724, a bill "To provide for establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan, and for other purposes."

We recommend that this bill be enacted.

H.R. 2724 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the Father Marquette National Memorial following conclusion of an agreement between the Governor of the State of Michigan and the Secretary providing for the location, design, construction, and operation by the State of the memorial, and upon the Secretary's determination that the State has acquired sufficient lands to constitute an efficiently administrable memorial. The bill also would authorize the Secretary to assist in the development of the memorial following conclusion of the aforementioned agreement. For this purpose the bill would authorize appropriation of \$500,000.¹

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Enactment of H.R. 2724 would represent a fitting and meaningful step in commemorating the advent and history of Father Marquette in North America.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection of the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

NATHANIEL P. REED,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

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PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FATHER
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submitted the following

REPORT

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OCTOBER 8, 1975.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. HALEY, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 2724]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 2724) to provide for establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Mich., and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill as amended do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

Page 2, line 2, strike out "Jolliet," and insert "Joliet,".

Page 2, line 7, strike out "Jacques" and insert "Father".

Page 3, line 2, strike out "\$500,000," and insert "\$1,000,000,".

COMMITTEE REPORT TO ACCOMPANY H.R. 2724

PURPOSE

H.R. 2724, as introduced by Representative Philip E. Ruppe, directs the Secretary of the Interior to designate the Father Marquette National Memorial in the State of Michigan, after concluding an agreement for the construction and operation of the memorial by the State.

BACKGROUND AND NEED FOR LEGISLATION

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BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE

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amount represents only half of the total estimated cost of this undertaking. Without this legislation, it is reasonable to assume that some Federal matching assistance could be made available either under the Land and Water Conservation Fund or through the Historic Preservation Fund; consequently, the impact on the budget will be minimal at most.

INFLATIONARY IMPACT

It is not likely that this relatively small project will result in any significant effect on the national economy, since it involves only a modest expenditure which will undoubtedly be spread over a period of years.

OVERSIGHT STATEMENT

In connection with its consideration of H.R. 2724, the Subcommittee on National Parks and Recreation reviewed the activities of the Father Marquette Tercentenary Commission. Future oversight functions will depend upon development of the cooperative agreement with the State and implementation of the legislation. No recommendations were submitted to the Committee pursuant to Rule X, Clause 2(b) (2).

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

As originally introduced, H.R. 2724 contemplated an authorization of \$500,000; however, the Committee recommends an amendment to the bill to increase the authorization ceiling to \$1,000,000. It was felt that this Federal contribution could be justified since other Federal matching assistance is not to be made available. Testimony during the hearings indicated that area acquisition and development at both the memorial and mission sites will be in excess of \$2,000,000 and the remainder of this cost is to be borne by the State. Two technical amendments were also adopted.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

After adopting the amendments explained above, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, meeting in open session, reported H.R. 2724 by voice vote and recommends that the bill, as amended, be approved.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT

The favorable report of the Department of the Interior, dated June 4, 1975, follows:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D.C., June 4, 1975.

HON. JAMES A. HALEY,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Your Committee has requested the views of this Department on H.R. 2724, a bill "To provide for establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan, and for other purposes."

We recommend that this bill be enacted.

H.R. 2724 would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the Father Marquette National Memorial following conclusion of an agreement between the Governor of the State of Michigan and the Secretary providing for the location, design, construction, and operation by the State of the memorial, and upon the Secretary's determination that the State has acquired sufficient lands to constitute an efficiently administrable memorial. The bill also would authorize the Secretary to assist in the development of the memorial following conclusion of the aforementioned agreement. For this purpose the bill would authorize appropriation of \$500,000.

Public Law 89-187, enacted September 15, 1965, established the Father Marquette Tercentenary Commission. Section 2 of the Act provided:

"* * * the Commission shall investigate, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Interior, the desirability and suitability of establishing a permanent national monument or memorial to commemorate the historical events associated with the life of Father Jacques Marquette in the New World. The Secretary of the Interior shall submit a report of such investigation to the President for transmittal to the Congress, together with any recommendations which the President may deem appropriate."

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission, on December 11, 1973, proposed establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial at St. Ignace, Michigan.

St. Ignace is an appropriate location for this memorial inasmuch as there Father Marquette established a mission in 1671, embarked on the historic exploration of the Mississippi River, in company with Louis Jolliet, in 1673, and was buried in 1678. The site of his grave and mission has been designated a National Historic Landmark. The proposed Father Marquette National Memorial would be funded jointly by the State of Michigan and the Federal Government, and would be owned, developed, and administered by the State as a state park. The cost of the memorial is expected to total approximately \$2 million.

Enactment of H.R. 2724 would represent a fitting and meaningful step in commemorating the advent and history of Father Marquette in North America.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection of the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

NATHANIEL P. REED,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.



H. R. 2724

Ninety-fourth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of January,
one thousand nine hundred and seventy-five*

An Act

To provide for establishment of the Father Marquette National Memorial near Saint Ignace, Michigan, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the area of Saint Ignace, Michigan, is recognized as an appropriate location for a national memorial to commemorate Father Jacques Marquette, who was buried there in 1678, and that the Secretary of the Interior (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") is authorized to take appropriate action, as hereinafter provided, to commemorate the advent and history of Father Marquette in North America, including his establishment of a mission at Saint Ignace in 1671, and his historic exploration, in company with Louis Joliet, of the Mississippi River in 1673.

SEC. 2. The Secretary shall enter into an agreement, satisfactory to him, with the Governor of the State of Michigan providing for the location, design, construction, and operation by the State of Michigan of the Father Marquette National Memorial in the area of Saint Ignace, Michigan. Upon conclusion of that agreement, and when in the opinion of the Secretary sufficient lands have been acquired by the State of Michigan to constitute an efficiently administrable memorial for the purposes of this Act, the Secretary is authorized to designate the Father Marquette National Memorial by publication of notice thereof in the Federal Register.

—SEC. 3. In conjunction with the development and operation of the memorial provided for by this Act, the Secretary is authorized to render to the State of Michigan such assistance, including, but not limited to, technical advice and grants of funds for land acquisition and development, as he deems appropriate to promote public understanding and appreciation of the significant role of Jacques Marquette in the history of the Nation: *Provided*, That before any such assistance is rendered by the Secretary, the agreement referred to in section 2 of this Act shall have been concluded.

SEC. 4. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated such sums, but not to exceed \$1,000,000, as may be necessary for assistance rendered by the Secretary pursuant to the provisions of this Act.

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

*Vice President of the United States and
President of the Senate.*

December 12, 1975

Dear Mr. Director:

The following bills were received at the White House on December 12th:

✓ H.R. 2724	✓ S. 55 ✓
✓ H.R. 8773 ✓	✓ S. 447 ✓
✓ H.R. 9883 ✓	✓ S. 605 ✓
✓ H.R. 9924 ✓	✓ S. 1653 ✓
✓ H.R. 11027 ✓	

Please let the President have reports and recommendations as to the approval of these bills as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Linder
Chief Executive Clerk

The Honorable James T. Lynn
Director
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, D. C.