libraries and at Offices of Public Affairs, Washington Office of the National Park Service (1849 C Street NW, Washington DC) and Pacific West Regional Office of the National Park Service (600 Harrison Street, Suite 600, San Francisco, California).

Holly Bundock,
Acting Regional Director, Pacific West Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Announcement: Availability of Environmental Assessment for the Southside Barrier Project

The National Park Service, at the request of the Department of the Treasury, has prepared an Environmental Assessment for a construction project to replace temporary security barriers around the south side of the White House. The document is available for review and public comment through September 30, 1997.

Copies may be requested by calling the National Park Service, White House Liaison, at (202) 619–6344 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Written requests may be sent to 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 344, Washington, D.C. 20242.

Stan E. Lock,
Deputy Director, White House Liaison.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

National Capital Region; National Capital Memorial Commission; Notice of Public Meeting

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act that a meeting of the National Capital Memorial Commission will be held on Tuesday September 23, 1997, at 1:30, at the National Building Museum, Room 312, 5th and F Streets, NW.

The Commission was established by Pub. L. 99–952, the Commemorative Works Act, for the purpose of preparing and recommending to the Secretary of the Interior; Administrator, General Services Administration; and Members of Congress broad criteria, guidelines, and policies for memorializing persons and events on Federal lands in the National Capital Region (as defined in the National Capital Planning Act of 1952, as amended), through the media of monuments, memorials and statutes. It is to examine each memorial proposal for adequacy and appropriateness, make recommendations to the Secretary and Administrator, and to serve as information focal point for those persons seeking to erect memorials on Federal land in the National Capital Region.

The members of the Commission are as follows:

Director, National Park Service Chairman, National Capital Planning Commission
The Architect of the Capitol Chairman, American Battle Monuments Commission
Chairman, Commission of Fine Arts Mayor of the District of Columbia Administrator, General Services Administration
Secretary of Defense

The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss currently authorized and proposed memorials in the District of Columbia and environs.

The meeting will be open to the public. Any person may file with the Commission a written statement concerning the matters to be discussed. Persons who wish to file a written statement or testify at the meeting or who want further information concerning the meeting may contact the Commission at (202) 619–7097. Minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection 4 weeks after the meeting at the Office of Stewardship and Partnerships, National Capital Support Office, 1100 Ohio Drive, SW., Room 220, Washington, D.C., 20242.

Joseph M. Mawler,
Acting Regional Director, National Capital Region.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Notice of Inventory Completion for Native American Human Remains from Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory in the Possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given in accordance with provisions of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), 25 U.S.C. 3003 (d), of the completion of an inventory of human remains from Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory in the possession of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

A detailed assessment of the human remains was made by Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology professional staff in consultation with representatives of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Devil’s Lake Sioux Tribe, Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Reservation, and the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe.

In 1867, human remains representing three individuals were removed from Fort Stevenson, Dakota Territory by U.S. Army Surgeon Charles C. Gray and Acting Assistant Surgeon Washington Matthews on behalf of the Smithsonian
Repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects to the culturally affiliated tribes may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.


Francis P. McManamon,  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
National Park Service

Notice of Intent to Repatriate Cultural Items from New York in the Possession of the Springfield Science Museum, Springfield, MA

AGENCY: National Park Service

ACTION: Notice

Notice is hereby given under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, 43 CFR 10.10 (a)(3), of the intent to repatriate cultural items from New York in the possession of the Springfield Science Museum which meet the definition of "cultural patrimony" under Section 2 of the Act. The cultural items are a Seneca false face mask and a Seneca corn husk mask. The false face mask is black wood with brown horsehair and tin eyeplates with a split leather harness to secure the mask at the back. The corn husk mask has white cotton shoelace attachment cords.

Before 1975, these masks were given to Mr. John Hesen of Longmeadow, MA by the maker, Mr. Francis Kettle of the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation, NY. In 1983, Mrs. Betty S. Hesen donated these masks to the Springfield Science Museum.

Consultation evidence indicates one item is a medicine or false face mask. Such masks represent the power of particular medicine beings. The other mask, known as a Husk Face, or Bushy Head, is also used in ceremonies. Representatives of the Haudenosaunee Standing Committee on Burial Rules and Regulations affirm that these masks are needed by the traditional religious leaders of the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Band of Seneca for the practice of traditional ceremonies by present-day adherents. Representatives of the Haudenosaunee Standing Committee on Burial Rules and Regulations have also stated that false face masks are owned collectively by the members of the False Face Society and that corn husk masks are owned by the Husk Face Society; and therefore, no individual had the right to sell or otherwise alienate the masks.

Officials of the Springfield Science Museum have determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001 (3)(D), these two cultural items have ongoing historical, traditional, and cultural importance central to the culture itself, and could not have been alienated, appropriated, or conveyed by any individual. Officials of the Springfield Science Museum have also determined that, pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 3001(2), there is a relationship of shared group identity which can be reasonably traced between these items and the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Band of Seneca.

This notice has been sent to officials of the Haudenosaunee Standing Committee on Burial Rules and Regulations, the Seneca Nation of Indians, the Tonawanda Band of Seneca, and the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma. Representatives of any other Indian tribe that believes itself to be culturally affiliated with these objects should contact John Pretola, Curator of Anthropology, Springfield Science Museums, 236 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103; before [thirty days following publication in the Federal Register].

Repatriation of these objects to the Haudenosaunee Standing Committee on Burial Rules and Regulations on behalf of the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Tonawanda Band of Seneca may begin after that date if no additional claimants come forward.


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OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION

September 16, 1997 Board of Directors Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, September 16, 1997, 1:00 PM (OPEN Portion) 1:30 PM (CLOSED Portion).

PLACE: Offices of the Corporation, Twelfth Floor Board Room, 1100 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Meeting OPEN to the Public from 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM; Closed portion will commence at 1:30 PM (approx.)

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:  
1. President's Report  
2. Approval of June 10, 1997 Minutes (Open Portion)