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Dear Senator Pell:

Thank you so much for your interest and prompt reply. I was away on vacation when your letter arrived, thus the slight delay in acknowledgement.

I am familiar with the current method used in selecting sites for national historic designation and feel certain several buildings in the Point area would qualify under this program. At the risk of being a bore, I hasten to stress the urgency to circumvent this long-drawn-out process used by the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments. From past experiences, it is apparent that action to designate National landmarks can be made swiftly if the

an immediate need is evident.

The Newport-Jamestown Bridge nears completion to the north, Goat Island redevelopment including a high rise 100 foot hotel begins this week, the state highway connecting the bridge south will cut though the Point ~~within~~ and the most critical area, commercial A between Marsh St. and Long Wharf, is excellent prey for speculators who care little or nothing for the preservation work we have accomplished and yet hope to fulfill. We are currently in a struggle with the City Council for land abutting the Hunter House and the causeway to Goat Island which was ~~to~~ slated to

become a park. (Storen Park)
However the City Council has had second thoughts and a Council majority prefers revenue producing use of this beautiful waterfront spot. The land of course lies within "the Point" Boundary and would fall within the historic Landmark area if we can pull it off.

Whenever we return from Bermuda (where we spent a glorious two weeks) we could weep at Newport's neglected potential. The initiative, of course, should stem from Newport's elected authorities to preserve, beautify and improve. Somehow they become ~~bogged~~ look down in the maze of the immediate dollar and convolute

the vast return a long range plan would insure.

~~Now that I have wandered off the~~ It is because of this somewhat negative view by our city officials that the attempt is being made to secure this national landmark designation from the Federal Govt.

Again, thank you for your assistance and I shall look forward to meeting with any field representatives to do whatever I can.

Sincerely,