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Friend Letter

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The Honorable William Bolger
Postmaster General
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Dear Bill:

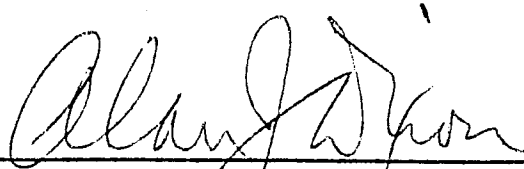
It is our understanding that the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee will be meeting on Friday, July 13, and that the commemorative stamp proposal for the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor may be considered at that time. We would very much like to inform you and the Committee of our strong support for this proposal.

Recently, the House and Senate unanimously approved the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor Act of 1983, legislation which was sponsored by the entire Illinois delegation. This bill creates a unique designation, a national heritage corridor, for a significant collection of resources -- significant not only to Illinois but to the nation as well. The major element that gives it identity is the Illinois and Michigan Canal built in 1836 which was a contributing factor in the growth and development of the Midwest.

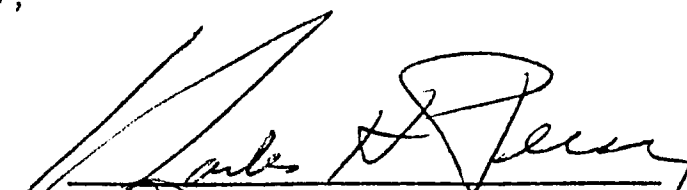
1986 will mark the Canal's 150th anniversary and in view of the recent congressional action to create a new designation to mark the national significance of the area, we feel that a commemorative stamp would serve to highlight the Canal's importance in history and the prospects for its future with the rest of the nation. We urge you to support the "Friends of the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor" group's proposal for a commemorative stamp for the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

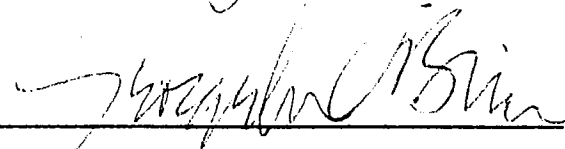
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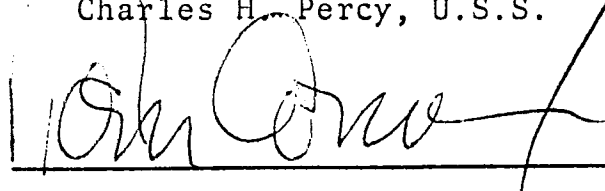
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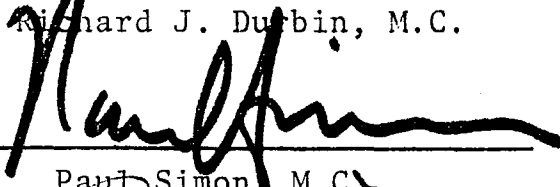
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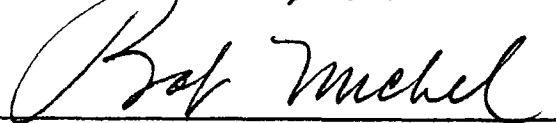
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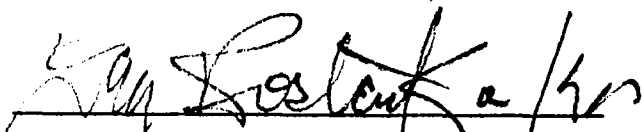
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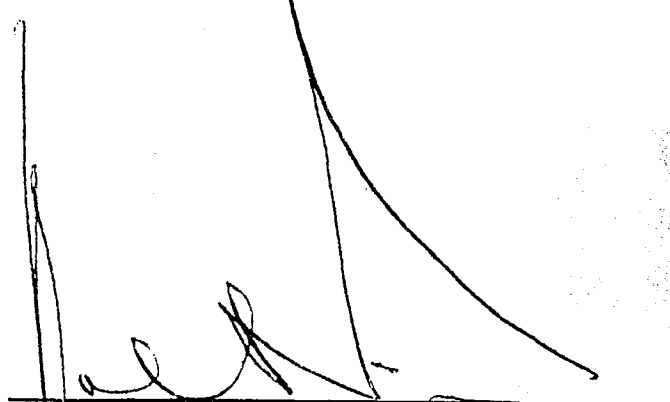
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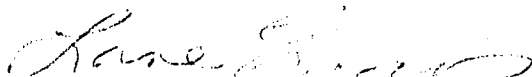
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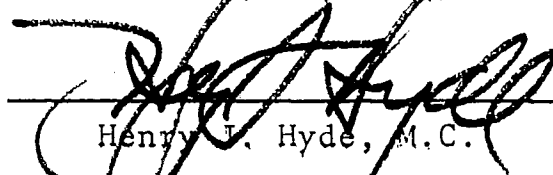
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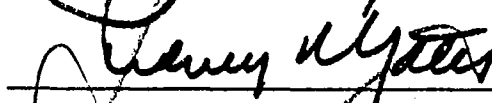
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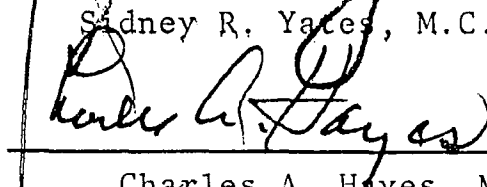
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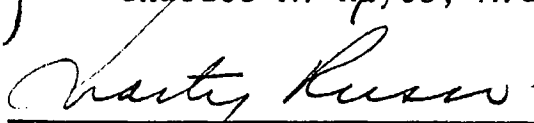
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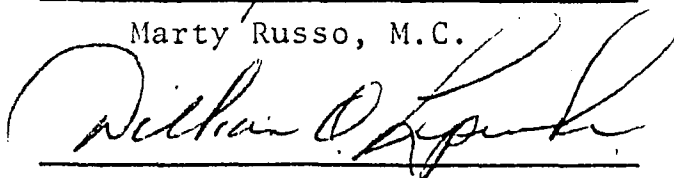
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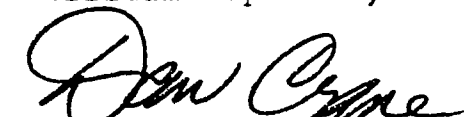
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