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Congress of the United States  
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Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 1986

The Honorable Albert P. Casey  
Postmaster General  
United States Post Office  
475 L'Enfant Plaza  
Washington, D.C. 20260

Dear Postmaster Casey:

Historic Fort Sheridan was established after the Great Chicago Fire and Haymarket Riots on land donated by Chicago citizens. It enjoys the strong support of the surrounding communities. The Fort, named after Civil War General Philip H. Sheridan has been the home of famous American leaders such as Generals MacArthur, Wainwright, Patton and Clark. The Fort was also home to the first women's auxiliary corps company and the first female civil service postmistress.

Fort Sheridan continues to play a vital role in the defense of our country and is important to the nation, the Midwest, Illinois and greater Chicago. Its historic importance has been justifiably recognized with 97 Fort Sheridan buildings placed on the national historic register. Fort Sheridan was also declared a national historic landmark by the U.S. Department of Interior's National Park Service. It is the home of the fourth U.S. Army and the U.S. Army recruiting command headquarters for all Army recruiting.

The Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee's June 20, 1986 meeting will include another opportunity for review of the Fort Sheridan Commemorative Stamp proposal. This will be the fifth time this stamp request has been on the agenda. The problem appears to be that due to the large volume of proposals to review, the Fort Sheridan request was not called up for discussion. This is despite the fact that the staff has considered this presentation an excellent packet, one of the best received.

Such a request is not without precedent. The 1948 Fort Bliss, Texas centennial staff established a precedent since there are fewer than 25 active Army posts predating World War I, it is doubtful that there will be many similar requests. Due to the small number, we believe that each request should be judged on its individual merit.

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Fort Sheridan Commemorative Stamp

In addition to a careful documentation of the Fort's History, the proposal has significant broad support from present and past personnel, local officials and organizations in the Midwest. The stamp packet includes historical data, an audio/visual tape, a proclamation, brochures, newspapers, sampling of numerous letters and resolutions of support, the artist's biography and a beautiful stamp design of General Sheridan and the Fort Sheridan Tower completed by California artist Larry Noble, a former Fort Sheridan soldier (copy enclosed).

Sir, we respectfully request that you review the stamp proposal. We believe that you will find it to be an excellent choice as a 1987 commemorative stamp appropriately memorializing Fort Sheridan's role in our country's history and defense.

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