

September 12, 1944.

Honorable Harold L. Ickes,
The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Your letter of September 6th, received in reply to my telegram of August 29th and an editorial from the Star-Telegram entitled "Threat to Jefferson Memorial".

I appreciate your viewpoint in which you agreed with the editorial to the effect that there should be no such violation of the Jefferson Memorial in St. Louis.

I am today in receipt of a letter from Luther Ely Smith, Secretary of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association, in St. Louis, carrying a clipping from the St. Louis Globe Democrat to the effect that the members of the City Airport Commission voted down the proposal that the city apply immediately for an application to construct a temporary strip on the river front memorial area, after being informed that you had indicated opposition to the project.

I am writing to Mr. Smith enclosing a copy of your letter and I am sure you will hear from him direct expressing thanks and appreciation for the Association.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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