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Valley Forge Flag Company One Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10019 PH: 212-586-1776 Michael Liberman

Paperweights, Inc. 100 Broadway Garden City Park, NY 11040 PH: 516-741-2800 David Braun

Red, White and Blue Star Jewelry Corporation 1370 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10019 PH: 212-489-6700 John Rubino

Franklin Mint Franklin Center, PA 19063 PH: 215-459-6282 Bob Hallowell

Lee Company Empire State Building New York, NY 10001 PH: 212-244-4440 Dan Lieberfarb

Vendome Headwear, Inc. 65 Bleecker Street New York, NY 10012 PH: 212-477-5522 Joseph Nissenbaum

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Flags (available for purchase to authorized users only--size 2' x 3' and larger)

Bicentennial Symbol Lapel Pins (available for purchase to authorized users only)

Flags (available for purchase to authorized users only--size 2' x 3' and larger)

Paperweights

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76-19-0502

Jewelry and Medallions 76-19-0504 (featuring ARBA symbol)

Series of 100 Commemorative Ingots (depicting 100 events in America's History--offered through March 31, 1975)

Belt Buckles and Belts 76-19-0506

76-19-0505

Tri-Cornered Denim Hat 76-19-0507

Dettra Flag Company, Inc. Oaks, PA 19456 PH: 215-666-5050 William C. Spangler

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American Decorators, Inc. 15 Coates Street Trenton, NJ 08611 PH: 609-392-3229 Clarence G. Firth

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Dixie Seal and Stamp Company P. O. Box 54616 Atlanta, GA 30308 PH: 404-875-8883 Stephen Schmidt, Jr.

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Flags (available for purchase to authorized users only--size 2' x 3' and larger)

Plastic Plaques, Labels 76-19-0512 and Bumper Stickers

76-19-0511

Ceramic Mugs

Commemorative Spoons

76-19-0514

76-19-0513

Auto and Bike License Plates

Mens Blazers and Coordinated Slacks 76-19-0516

Teagle and Little, Inc. 1048 W. 27th Street Norfolk, VA 23517 PH: 804-622-5793 A. Deck Jordan

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Harold Lanzer R. R. 1 Holgate, OH 43527 PH: 419-264-4195 Harold Lanzer

U. S. Playing Card Company Beech and Park Cincinnati, OH 45212 РН: 513-731-0220 William F. Tuttle

Minnesota, Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M) Traffic Control Products Division 3M Center, Building 224-62 St. Paul, MN 55101 PH: 612-733-1110 John Hill

Carlson, Rockey and Associates, Inc. 655 Madison Avenue New York, NY 10021 PH: 212-758-4116 Mary Baker

Walsworth Publishing Company, Inc. Use of Logo in 1975-76 76-19-0524 306 N. Kansas Avenue Marceline, MO 64658 PH: 816-376-3543 Rush Johnson

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ARBA Facsimile of the Great Seal of the United States Poster, ARBA Posters

ARBA Logo Buttons

76-19-0518

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Handcrafted Clocks

76-19-0520

Playing Cards

76-19-0521

ARBA Reflective Traffic Signs (available only to official federal, state, county and municipal highway/roads/streets departments)

76-19-0522

Outdoor Street Signs and 76-19-0523 Indoor Molded Plaques; Parade and Decoration Handbook for Officially Recognized Bicentennial Communities

School Yearbooks

LICENSE NO.

Maison White Corporation 120 E. 56th Street Room 920 New York, NY 10022 PH: 212-421-3640 David Blank

Creative Merchandisers, Inc. 61 W. Superior Street Chicago, IL 60610 PH: 312-943-0211 Bernard Slepak

Ann Arbor Circuits, Inc. 424 W. Washington Street Ann Arbor, MI 48106 PH: 313-665-4101 Herbert Munch

Monte Models, Inc. P. O. Box 2391 New Bern, NC 28560 PH: 919-637-5803 Robert Monte

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A. Rivetz Company, Inc. 1000 Washington Street Boston, MA 02118 PH: 617-542-4151 Melvin Creedman

Tut Taylor Music, Inc. 500 Arlington Avenue Nashville, TN 37210 PH: 615-255-5004 Robert Taylor

Cleve Shirtmakers, Inc. 350 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10001 PH: 212-947-9890 George Gerson

DL, Inc. 535 Old Frankstown Road Pittsburgh, PA 15239 EE: 412-242-3112 Bud Murray

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ARBA Patches, Bumper Stickers, Posters, and License Plates

Pamphlets, Brochures, Maps and Charts

Declaration of Independence Etched in Copper

Models of Historic Landmarks

Flags (available for purchase to authorized users only--size 2' x 3' and larger)

Men's Neckwear

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76-19-0526

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76-19-0528

76-19-0529

5-String Banjo, Dulcimer, 76-19-0531 and Plickett

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Men's Sportshirts

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Decals, Bumper Stickers and Stacker Displays

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Men's Neckwear

Prince Consort
Division of A. Schreter & Son, Inc.
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Baltimore, MD 21201
PH: 301-685-3400
Nelson Schreter

Dell Publishing Company 750 Third Avenue New York, NY 10017 PH: Stephen Bair

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Clarks & Coombs Company 162 Clifford Street Providence, RI 02903 PM: 401-421-1506 Vito Carneglia

Coach House Game Sales & Promotions, Inc. 741 Buena Chicago, IL 60613 PH: 312-525-1054 Michael Miller

The Knobby Krafters, Inc. 200 N. Main Street Attleboro, MA 02703 PH: 617-222-7272 Dexter P. Nerney

Designer Decal, Inc. West 1021 Broadway Spokane, WA 99201 PH: 509-328-5671 Keith Smelzer

Meldrum Mfg. & Engineering Company 2100 Gilbert Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104 PH: 612-645-5897 Peter McCarron Calendar of 200 Bicentennial Festivals 76-19-0535

Canvas Tote Bag

76-19-0536

Commemorative Ring

76-19-0537

Pressure Sensitive Bumper Sticker with Reflective Safety Background

76-19-0538

Molded Plastic Lapel and 76-19-0539 Scatter Pin

Decals and Pennant

76-19-0540

White Metal Tray with ARBA Symbol

Gateway Sporting Goods Company 2420 Pershing Road Kansas City, MO 64138 PH: 212-586-7920 Sidney Estridge

N. G. Slater Corporation 220 W. 19th Street New York, NY 10011 PH: 212-924-3133 Robert Slater

Stearns and Foster Company Lockland Cincinnati, OH 45215 PH: 513-821-0700 Fred Rutherford

Patchmaker, Inc. Box 51 Closter, NJ 07624 PH: 212-736-6820 Stanley Cohen

Medallic Art Company Old Ridgebury Road Danbury, CT 06810 PH: 203-792-3000 Mike Cooper

Erickson Memorial Company 920 Speer Boulevard Denver, CO 80204 PH: 303-255-1785 Roy Erickson

Central Decal Company, Inc. 6843 West 60th Place Chicago, IL 60638 PH: 312-586-2012 Harry Fund

Mody Enterprises Orleans Village 6376 Wingate Street Alexandria, VA 22312 PH: 703-354-9615 Harshad Mody

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Lapel Buttons (plastic and metal)

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Quilt and Pillow Kit

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Woven ARBA Symbol Patch 76-19-0545

Medallic Art Calendar

76-19-0546

Granite Sundial

76-19-0547

ARBA Labels, Decals, Placards and Signs

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Plaque, Frame, Desk Set, Name plate, Office Accessories

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May 5, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

JOHN WARNER

FROM:

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TED MARRS

Attached is a copy of a letter I have sent to an individual who wishes to remain anonymous. I would like to have your comments on his suggestion.

Thank you for your assistance.

, te: Russ Route

R. FOR GERALO

Russ violated the "Personal" on your letter about making offices in government show our colors. The idea is great!

Minus your name and address, I have sent it to John Warner at the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration and to others. One reaction I have had is that encouraging each person to do his own thing in his office -- possibly each building having a competition with awards might be good. Another suggestion has been flying the ARBA flag over the individual Federal buildings.

On behalf of the President, I can assure you that your thinking and personal participation are greatly appreciated. I am enclosing herewith the personal message the President has put together to send out to anyone who is participating in the Bicentennial celebration.

With best regards.

Sincerely,

Theodore C. Marrs Special Assistant to the President As you know, you can go into nearly any federal office and imagine you are in some other country than the U.S. There are no pictures on the walls to indicate America, no flag, nothing to project the American image.

We're coming up to the Bicentennial and I think, this gap should be filled.

Suggestion: an executive order requiring that every federal office be decorated with, as a minimum, one of a series of reproductions of famous paintings depicting the historical origins of the U.S. - maybe, as a minimum, one of those which are displayed in the rotunds of the Capitok.

(If you came to my office, you'd see the flag behind my desk, a large reproduction of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and of the Gilbert Stuart of George Washington - bought at my own expense - and the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence. However, I am a minority of one in this type of display.) Visitors know they are in a U.S. office.

Strike a blow for freedom.

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Logistical Preparations for the Bicentennial in the National Capital Area

Areas Where Federal Government Can Directly Assist Region

- 1. Housing and Accomodations
 - a. Interior Department assistance in establishing a central reservations/referral system at the National Visitors Center
 - Park Service assistance in identifying/developing temporary campsites on federally-owned property throughout the region
- 2. Transportation and Parking
 - a. Identification/development by various federal agencies (e.g., GSA, Defense, Interior) of additional parking facilities downtown and in fringe areas, beyond those contemplated for use under the \$10 million "Bicentennial Transportation Program for the National Capital Area"
 - b. Continued White House support for the above Department of Transportation appropriation (UMTA) in the fy '76 budget
- 3. Emergency Medical Services

Cooperation of the Department of Defense in making available its facilities and resources to the local area for use in time of emergency (e.g., Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval Medical, Andrews AFB hospital facilities, as well as ambulances and such emergency medical equipment as may be necessary.)



American Revolution Bicentennial Administration 735 Jackson Place N.W. Washington, D.C. 20276 (202) 382-1776



May 14, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Executive Directors, the Bicentennial Commissions of the 50 States, the Territories, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia

SUBJECT: ARBA Flag Policy

The issue of who can and who can't fly the Bicentennial Flag has been a bone of contention at the Congressional, State, and local level for the last year. We have discussed the issue at every level, including various regional meetings, executive staff meetings, and discussions were held with representatives of the State Commissions at the National Conference this February in Washington, D. C.

Based upon these meetings and discussions, the ARBA has adopted the attached flag policy. In addition, you will find enclosed a copy of a press release on the subject to be issued Monday, May 19.

If you have any guestions, please contact your Regional Director.

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Hugh A. Hall Assistant Administrator

- 7 Attachments
 - 1. Policy for Use of the Official Flag of the ARBA
 - 2. Authroized Users of the Bicentennial Flag
 - 3. Description of the Bicentennial Flag
 - 4. Proper Display of the Bicentennial Flag
 - 5. Authorized ARBA Flag Sizes
 - 6. Authorized Flag Manufacturers
 - 7. Press Release

Policy for Use of the Official Flag of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration

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The official flag of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) may be purchased and displayed by any authorized_user.

Authorized Users of the Bicentennial Flag

- All programs and events which have earned official recognition
- Overseas Bicentennial projects officially recognized by the ARBA
- All U. S. Embassies and Consulates throughout the world
- Executive, Judicial and Congressional divisions of the U. S. Government
- All Federal Government departments and agencies throughout world
- All State Governments
- State Bicentennial Commissions, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territories, and the District of Columbia
- Members of the National Bicentennial Service Alliance*

*Local chapters may use the flag in connection with their support of Bicentennial programs of their national organizations or through participation in the Bicentennial Communities Program

- ^o Members of the National Bicentennial Hospitality Alliance
- Any organization, corporation or individual located in or participating in any of the following Bicentennial activities:
 - Bicentennial Community

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- Bicentennial College or University
- Bicentennial Armed Forces Installation or Command

Special events which contribute to Bicentennial, when specifically authorized by Administrator

Description of the Bicentennial Flag

The official American Revolution Bicentennial Administration flag incorporates the ARBA symbol on a white background. The symbol takes the form of an American five-pointed star in white, surrounded by continuous red, white, and blue stripes which form a second star. This double star is symbolic of the two centuries which have passed since the American Revolution. These colorful stripes also evoke a feeling of festivity and suggest the furled bunting traditionally used in times of celebration throughout the nation. The symbol is contemporary in design in keeping with the forward-looking goals of the Bicontennial colebration: "to forge a new national commitment, a new spirit for '76, a spirit which will unite the nation in purpose and dedication to the advancement of human welfare as it moves into its third century."



Proper Display of the Bicentennial Flag

Authorized users may display the official ARBA flag anywhere that the American Flag may be properly displayed pursuant to established flag protocol. When the official ARBA flag is displayed with the American Flag, the Bicentennial flag is immediately subordinate to the American Flag, second in ranking to any flag display.

Authorized ARBA Flag Sizes

Authorized ARBA flag sizes for both indoor and ourdoor use are:

2' x 3' 3' x 5' 4' x 6' 5' x 8'

Flags larger than 5' x 8' are also authorized; however, they are available only upon special order from officially licensed flag manufacturers.

The following products usually associated with flags have been licensed by ARBA for use by the general public. No authorization is required for purchase or display:

Pennant

Triangular in shape - approximately 8" x 15"

Desk and Table Mount Flags

The following sizes have been authorized:

4" x 6" 8" x 12" 12" x 18"

Note: No flags have been authorized between the $12" \times 18"$ size and the 2' x 3' size.

Authorized Flag Manufacturers

Collegeville Flag and Manufacturing Company 4th Avenue Collegeville, PA 19426 PH: 215-489-4131 David Cornish

Valley Forge Flag Company One Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10019 PH: 212-586-1776 Michael Liberman

Dettra Flag Company, Inc. Oaks, PA 19456 PH: 215-666-5050 William C. Spangler

Annin and Company 163 Bloomfield Avenue Verona, NJ 07044 PH: 201-239-9000 C. R. Beard, Jr.

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John W. Warner, Administrator



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BICENTENNIAL FLAG POLICY ANNOUNCED

Washington, D.C.--John W. Warner, Advinistrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration (ARBA) says, "It is my fervent lope that the Bicentennial flag will fly from every building, house, and flagpole in the country to proclaim our Nation's 200th Anniversary." Warner made the remarks in announcing the policy and guidelines for use and display of the official national Bicentennial flag.

The flag is white in background with the national Bicentennial symbol in the center. The symbol takes the form of an American five-pointed star in white, surrounded by continuous red, white, and blue stripes which form a second star. All rights in this symbol are vested in the ARBA pursuant to Public Law 93-179.

Authorized users who may purchase and display the flag under the ARBA policy are:

°All programs and events which have earned official recognition.
 °Overseas Bicentennial projects officially recognized by the ARBA.
 °All U.S. Embassies and Consulates throughout the world.
 °Executive, Judicial and Congressional divisions of the U.S. Government.

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°All Federal Government departments and agencies throughout the world.

°All State Governments.

°State Bicentennial Commissions, including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territories, and the District of Columbia.

^oMembers of the National Bicentennial Service Alliance. Local chapters may use the flag in connection with their support of Bicentennial programs of their national organizations or through participation in the Bicentennial Communities Program.

"Members of the National Bicentennial Hospitality Alliance.

"Any organization or individual located in or participating in any of the following Bicentennial activities: Bicentennial Community, Bicentennial College or University, or Bicentennial Armed Forces Installation or Command.

Special events which contribute to Bicentennial, when specifically authorized by ARBA.

The Bicentennial flag may be flown by authorized users anywhere that the American flag is flown under established flag protocol. When the two are flown together, the Bicentennial flag is immediately subordinate to the American flag, second in ranking in any flag display.

Authorized AREA flag sizes for both indoor and outdoor use are 2' by 3', 3' by 5', 4' by 6', and 5' by 8'.

Flags larger than 5' by 8' are authorized; however, they are available only upon special order from officially licensed flag manufacturers.

The national Bicentennial flags can be purchased from the following manufacturers who have been licensed to make them by the ARBA.

Collegeville Flag and Manufacturing Company 4th Avenue Collegeville, Pennsylvania 19426 (215) 489-4131

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Valley Forge Flag Company One Rockefeller Plaza New York, New York 10019 (212) 586-1776

Dettra Flag Company, Inc. Oaks, Pennsylvania 19456 (215) 666-5050

Annin and Company 163 Bioomfield Avenue Verona, New Jersey 07044 (201) 239-9000

Betsy Ross Manufacturing Company 41 Brook Avenue Passaic, New Jersey 07055 (201) 773-3388

The following products usually associated with flags have also been licensed by ARBA for use by the general public: Triangular pennants, approximately 8" by 15"; desk and table mounted flags in the following sizes, 4" by 6", 8" by 12", and 12" by 18".

No flags have been authorized between the 12" by 18" size and the 2' by 3' size.

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Media contact: Office of Communications (202) 634-1791 John Scholzen

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American Revolution Bicentennial Administration 2401 E. St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20276

John W. Warner, Administrator



June 9, 1975

MEMORANDUM

Enclosed is the latest edition of the graphics manual with guidelines for use of the official symbol of the American Revolution Bicentennial. The manual includes suitable art for reproduction. The only change in the symbol itself is the inclusion of the trademark designation.

Many of you who received the first manual a little over a year ago have been using the symbol to identify news and feature stories on the Bicentennial. We urge greater use by the news media so that it will truly become recognized as the symbol of the commemoration of the nation's 200th anniversary.

Your help in making all Americans familiar with this symbol is greatly appreciated.

In the Spirit of '76,

Herbert E. Hetu Assistant Administrator Communications & Public Affairs



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April 28, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

TED MARRS RUSS ROURKE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 9, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

JACK MARSH

FROM:

TED MARRS MILT MITLER

A check with ARBA has revealed that they expect excellent utilization of the Bicentennial symbol in conjunction with the 1976 graduating classes at high schools and colleges and universities.

The news release concerning the use of the logo was sent to about 28,000 newspapers. In addition this has been publicized before the Council of Mayors and other groups and has also been sent to national school publications. ARBA has indicated it would not be economically feasible to make a direct mailing to all schools but they do feel that their means of dissemination will accomplish the purpose.

Attached are copies of Presidential letters to 1976 graduates which are being sent by HEW to about 25,000 high schools and 2,500 colleges and I think we ref. 76" I would ref. 76" Declev we "Cland I A the "Cland I A the Man MA universities. This is an annual practice and this year encompasses Bicentennial values.

Attachments

TO THE 1976 COLLEGE GRADUATES:

The freedom to pursue knowledge is one of the great blossings our Founding Fathers sought to bestow on the society they envisioned. You have been the beneficiaries of this great legacy. You have tasted the freedom to engage in the studies of your choice, to express your opinions and to pursue new opportunities for self-fulfillment.

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As I congratulate you on the accomplishments reflected in your college degrees, a proud nation looks to you to help advance the continuing realization of the dream of our Founding Fathers and the aspirations of our society. We can reflect that two hundred years ago half of our population was less than twenty years of age. The author of our Declaration of Independence was thirty-three; and of its signers, sixteen were in their thirties and three were in their twenties. Young or old, our Founding Fathers cherished the concepts of individual freedom and equality and were florcely determined to direct their own destiny.

As the Bicentennial college graduating class, you are the embediment of what America can schieve. You are both the strength and the hope of our nation. I send each of you my very best wishes for every success and personal satisfaction in your future lives.

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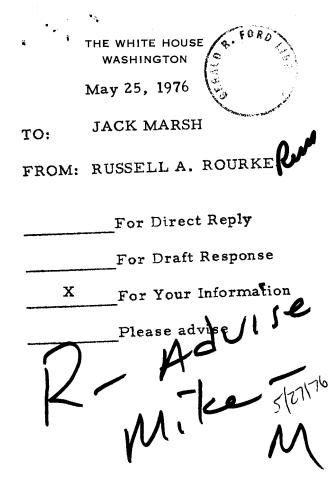
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To be reproduced and sent out by HEW to all accredited colleges in nation.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR:

FROM:

RUSS ROURKE TED MARRS MILT MITLER

Russ, on the ARBA/Franklin Mint matter -- there is just a bit of confusion which should be set right. Mike refers to the Franklin Mint where, in fact, the items concerned are being turned out by the Franklin Library.

As you know, ARBA does license various commercial enterprises to produce Bicentennial items and from the licensing effort receives the non-appropriated funds which it dispenses for Bicentennial activities. Doing this, they are operating within the parameters set by the Congress in their mandate.

The Franklin Library is a respected organization; the books being turned out are selective and are being endorsed as an official ARBA activity; the Congressional charter to ARBA not only permits this but urges it. Finally, as a nation of free enterprise, we would place ourselves in a questionable position were we to criticize ARBA's legitimate role in this.



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May 12, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO:

TED MARRS MILT MITLER

FROM:

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RUSS ROURKE

Jack's note is self-explanatory. Any advice or guidance you can offer would be appreciated.

Many thanks.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 10, 1976

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MEMORANDUM FOR: JACK MARSH

FROM: MIKE DUVAL

SUBJECT: ARBA MAILER

As you can see from the attached, John Warner did a cover piece to a mailer put out by the Franklin Mint.

As you know, Franklin Mint is an extremely aggressive outfit in Pennsylvania that is **better** known for its hard sell, then for the sell.

I seriously question the propriety of the ARBA in involving itself in such an obviously commercial undertaking. You'll notice that they use the American Express mailing list, and I think this may be an example of "crossing the line".

If you concur, I think it might be appropriate for the President to take credit for coming down very hard against the ARBA for such crass commercialism of the Bicentennial. It would show the President's concern over such things and clearly in charge.

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American Revolution Bicentennial Administration 2401 E Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20276



Dear Friend:

As Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, I am honored to announce "The 100 Greatest Masterpieces of American Literature." This collection includes those books, authored solely by Americans, which have contributed greatly to our nation's cultural heritage over the past two hundred years. It will be one of the most significant commemoratives of America's Bicentennial.

As you can well understand, the selection of these masterpieces was a task that required participation by some of our nation's foremost literary scholars, with the cooperation of universities throughout the country. At my invitation, at least one university in each of our fifty states and territories was asked to nominate books for inclusion in this collection. Their nominations were then submitted to an Advisory Board of literary authorities entrusted to make the final selections. The nation is indebted to this group, particularly those scholars whose names appear in the enclosed prospectus, for making possible this important Bicentennial commemorative.

The American Revolution Bicentennial Administration 'has authorized The Franklin Library to publish this national commemorative collection in a limited leatherbound edition. So that this Bicentennial recognition of the 100 greatest books may be shared by students and others unable to purchase the complete limited edition collection, some of these books may later be individually published in cloth or paper bearing the national Bicentennial symbol.

The enclosed prospectus from The Franklin Library describes this series in detail, and explains how you may enter a subscription if you wish.

In the spirit of '76,

John W. Warner Administrator

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THE FRANKLIN LIBRARY

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Dear American Express Cardmember:

In honor of America's 200th anniversary, we will soon begin publication of the most important book collection in our nation's history.

This collection -- The 100 Greatest Masterpieces of American Literature -is being published by The Franklin Library under the auspices of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, which was established by Act of Congress to aid in the observance of the Bicentennial of the United States.

The publication of this collection is an extraordinary undertaking in every sense. It began when the Honorable John W. Warner, Administrator of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, called upon major universities in every State and the U.S. territories to nominate the one hundred greatest American books. The nominations made by these distinguished universities were then submitted by Mr. Warner to a specially empanelled Advisory Board of leading scholars and literary authorities who made the final selection of the books.

The collection consists of the greatest masterpieces of literature written by American authors since our nation began. It includes novels of monumental scope and significance. Biographies of some of the greatest men and women of the past and present. Historical works that trace stirring events of America's past. Poetry. Drama. Short Stories. Essays ... The literary heritage of our nation, as reflected in its greatest books.

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