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WASHINGTON

March 20, 1981

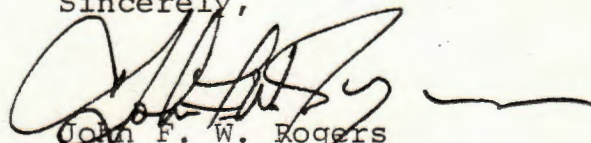
Dear Mrs. Bernstein:

It is my pleasure to inform you that space will be available for the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians in the New Executive Office Building (NEOB) on the second floor, room 2020. This space is presently occupied by the Committee on Immigration Policy which will be phasing out in April, 1981. It is estimated that the space will become available for assignment to your Commission on or about April 19, 1981.

I believe this space was viewed by your members as desirable, as well as suitable. Please contact Dan Cooper, GSA Area Supervisor (395-3154) regarding the occupancy of this space. If my office can be of further assistance, please contact Albert J. Ossman, Jr. (456-7466).

The delay in assigning space for the Commission has been caused by the obvious extraordinary demands for space during the early, historic days of the new Administration. Thank you for your patience in the matter.

Sincerely,



John F. W. Rogers
Special Assistant to the
President for Administration
Director of the Office of
Administration

Mrs. Joan Bernstein
Commission on Wartime
Relocation and Internment
of Civilians
Interim Chairman
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cc: Dan Cooper
Sarah Kadec

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Paul

I agree with your point.
But, lets follow up
with a letter to
Bernstine — we will
consider her request
but it is unlikely
that we will be able
to provide space.
Can you draft a letter.

Is this a Presidential
Commission?

JJ

sent back
w/ originals
2/22/81
JJ

Bateman has originals

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CORRECTED COPY

Dear Mr. Rogers:

As interim Chairman of the recently established Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, my colleagues have directed me to contact you regarding the procurement of suitable office space for the life of the Commission.

As you may know, P.L.96-317, passed with broad bipartisan support and signed on July 31, 1980, establishes a Commission of seven members to study and review the facts surrounding the internment of approximately 120,000 Asian and Aleut civilians in internment camps during World War II. Section 4(c) of the enabling legislation mandates that the Commission shall submit its report to the Congress no later than one year after its first meeting which was held January 15, 1981. Further, pursuant to Section 7 the Commission shall terminate ninety days after the date on which the report is submitted to the Congress.

To date, Judge William M. Marutani, Arthur Flemming and I have been appointed to the Commission by the President; Senators Edward W. Brooke and Hugh Mitchell have been appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. We understand that the two remaining appointments by the Speaker of the House under the original mandate will be filled soon. I should also note that S.253 which increases the number of members of the Commission to nine has passed both houses of Congress and was sent to the White House on January 28, 1981.

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In consulting with Donald J. LeMay, Director of the General Services Administration Agency Division regarding the procurement of administrative services and support, we were advised that for the Commission's currently authorized staff of eleven, 2,000 square feet would be considered standard and adequate.

I understand that several commissions will expire soon, thus vacating their space. They include: the Select Commission on Immigration at the New Executive Office Building; the Pension Policy Commission, on Jackson Place; a Transition Committee next door to the Pension Policy Commission; and the Social Security Commission in the Pension Building. The Commission members all preferred the New Executive Office location which was viewed as most convenient for the members and for prospective staff as well.

Accordingly, because of stringent deadlines imposed on a broad scope of inquiry, and the apparent availability of the preferred space, the Commission seeks your consideration of our request as soon as possible.

Sincerely,


Joan Z. Bernstein

cc: Commission Members

JZB/bb

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