

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

RETURN

February 11, 1961

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The President appreciated your letter of January fifteenth, transmitted by Mr. Stanley Kunitz, asking the President's help in preserving the Province Lands of Massachusetts for public use.

Through personal experience on Cape Cod and through his awareness of the Nation's park needs, the President is concerned for the preservation of Cape Cod's outstanding natural and historic attractions and he has urged early action to protect them. While serving as a United States Senator he introduced and supported legislation designed to preserve those values within the National Park System yet protect the interests of the Cape Cod towns involved in the conservation measure.

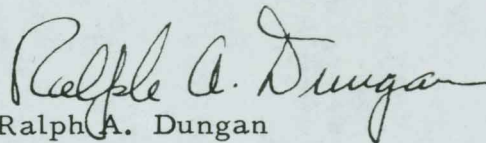
The Province Lands in Provincetown, which have been in public ownership for nearly three hundred years, are among the finest lands included in the Cape Cod National Seashore project. He, of course, hopes that such lands can be preserved for the future in their natural state.

Since the Province Lands are the property of the Commonwealth, long held in trust for public benefit, it will be the prerogative of Massachusetts to decide their eventual status in the light of recommendations made to the General Court

by citizens' groups such as the Emergency Committee for the Protection of the Province Lands. Your views are greatly appreciated.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,



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