

THE PAN AMERICAN LIAISON COMMITTEE
OF WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, INC.,
Washington, D.C., August 28, 1967.

Congressman KENNETH GRAY,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, House Committee of
Public Works, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN GRAY: I am directed by the President of PALCO, Inc.,
Mrs. Anita Sandelmann, to write you in support of a MERIDIAN HOUSE
FOUNDATION Resolution fully supporting the creation of the National Visitors'
Center, at Union Station or at any other central location which would provide
reasonable access by the foreign visitor to the Capital and to Metropolitan Wash-
ington.

Mrs. Sandelmann, her Board of Directors, and the entire membership of PALCO
supports this resolution and will do everything possible toward encouraging its
implementation.

Yours sincerely,

BARBARA DE ZOUCHE PALMER,
First Vice-President.

MERIDIAN HOUSE FOUNDATION,
Washington, D.C., September 19, 1967.

HON. KENNETH GRAY,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. GRAY: Attached is a statement submitted for the record by the
Meridian House Foundation in support of H.R. 12603 on the National Visitor
Center. The Foundation believes that such a Center is essential in helping
not only the millions of Americans who visit the Nation's Capital each year, but
also several hundred thousand international visitors who come here to gain
better understanding of Americans and of our National Government and how it
operates.

We are particularly interested in seeing that the needs of visitors from abroad
are given appropriate attention in the planning and development of the National
Visitor Center. The Foundation, through the volunteer and professional staffs
of the International Visitors Service Council of Greater Washington Organiza-
tions (IVIS), which it administers and finances, will welcome the opportunity to
work with the United States Congress, the Department of the Interior, and any
Committee, or Commissions, that may be established in connection with the Na-
tional Visitor Center.

Mr. Gilbert B. Lessenco, one of the Foundation's Trustees, has agreed to serve
as our liaison on this project. His address and telephone number are: Mr. Gilbert
B. Lessenco, Wilner, Scheiner & Greeley, 1343 H Street, N. W., Washington, D.C.,
Telephone: 638-6900.

We look forward to working with your Committee and others on this important
undertaking in the months ahead.

Sincerely yours,

PHILIP L. GORE,
President.

STATEMENT ON THE NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER, SUBMITTED BY PHILIP LARNER
GORE, PRESIDENT OF THE MERIDIAN HOUSE FOUNDATION

The Meridian House Foundation, a private, non-profit corporation and the orga-
nizations associated with it, especially the International Visitors Service Council
of Greater Washington Organizations (IVIS), are greatly interested in plans for
the establishment of a National Visitor Center, since we provide many thousands
of international visitors now coming to the Nation's Capital with a variety of
services each year.

During the past year, IVIS received 1,045 requests for services to international
visitors from member organizations, Government agencies, businesses, interna-
tional visitors, local hosts, and international conferences. Through these requests,