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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

NATIONAL CAPITAL SECTION

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Honorable Robert Dole
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

The Board of Direction of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) recently designated the Capitol Building a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. Because of your special interest as a member of the Commission on the West Central Front of the United States Capitol, ASCE would be honored if you could join us in celebrating the event. We cordially invite you to attend a champagne reception on March 26, 1987, in the Mike Mansfield Room (S207) of the Capitol from 10 a.m. to 12 m.

As part of the ceremony, members of ASCE that have conducted the West Front restoration would like to present you a core sample of the Capitol's foundation material as a memento of the occasion. Also, we will award a bronze commemorative plaque to Mr. George M. White, the Architect of the Capitol.

We are extending similar invitations to all the members of the West Front Commission - Vice President George Bush, Senator Robert C. Byrd, and Congressmen Jim Wright, Thomas Foley, and Robert H. Michel. Also invited are Senators Wendell H. Ford, Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration, and John W. Warner, whose office provided sponsorship for the reception on behalf of ASCE.

To respond to this invitation, and for additional information, please contact me at 652-8922 or Mrs. Nancy Lopez, the chairperson for the reception, at 343-2182 by March 24, 1987. We hope you will be able to participate in this memorable event.

Sincerely,

Jay Pargett
Jay Pargett
President

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Capitol + importance +
historic value at
the beginning*

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TALKING POINTS
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS

o LET ME FIRST SAY THAT I BELIEVE THE DESIGNATION OF THE CAPITOL AS A NATIONAL HISTORIC CIVIL ENGINEERING LANDMARK IS MOST FITTING.

o I HAVE OCCUPIED THE TRADITIONAL REPUBLICAN LEADER'S OFFICES -- WITH PROBABLY THE NEXT BEST VIEW IN THE CITY FROM MY WINDOW -- SINCE 1985. AND WHILE THERE HAVE BEEN TIMES THAT THE DRILLING HAS DROWNED OUT A CONVERSATION OR TWO -- SOME OF THEM SHOULD BE DROWNED OUT -- THE RESTORATION OF THE WEST FRONT, WAS WITHOUT QUESTION THE RIGHT ROUTE TO TAKE.

o THE CAPITOL IS THE PROPERTY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. AND WE SHOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE INTEGRITY OF THE BUILDING. THAT'S WHAT HAS BEEN DONE, AND FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS WILL THANK US FOR THE EFFORT.