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Mr. Jeff Ruch
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Dear Mr. Ruch:

Thank you for your letter of September 29, 2010, concerning three plaques bearing Old Testament quotations at Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, and a Buddhist stupa at Petroglyph National Monument, New Mexico.

I have referred this matter to the Director of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. The Director informs me that, in consultation with the Office of the Solicitor, he intends to review these religious expressions in these two parks. I will apprise you of the National Park Service's position on this matter after that review has been completed.

Thank you for your interest concerning Grand Canyon National Park and Petroglyph National Monument. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Wessels
Regional Director
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cc:
Superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park
Superintendent, Petroglyph National Monument