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To: Mary Gibson Scott/GRTE/NPS@NPS

cc

Subject: Re: stupa at PETR 

I went to website and it asks that a whole bunch of people such as Dianne Feinstein, Mark Udall, the Secretary and me be contacted. I suggest the Supt (or you) reach out to the authors of the website and give them assurances and ask for a statement to be posted. I would be silent to the future disposition. I also suggest you seek some SOL advice on this. Thanks!

Jon

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld
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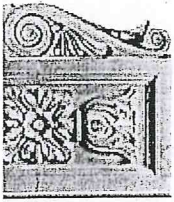
From: Mary Gibson Scott
Sent: 06/09/2010 03:37 PM MDT
To: Jon Jarvis
Subject: stupa at PETR

Hi Jon,
spoke with Supt Sanchez. Stupa is on park land, acquired via acquisition in the last few years! The park has no intent of removing the stupa at this time and if and when they do, would pursue appropriate process. Confusion has to do with construction of amphitheater adj to stupa site, causing blog activity and concerns about our intent to remove the stupa. Will have brfg statement to you and Dan shortly. Joe did media interview which will hopefully put the stupa issue to bed in next day or so.

thanks
Mary

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Subject Re: Fw: stupa at PETR

Mary,

I talked with Diane Souder. She is going to work with Joe to word a request for advice to Rob Eaton, who returns to his office on Monday the 14th. My concern is that we understand under what authority the NPS allows the stupa to remain on park property. At this point, I don't think we know what that authority is, or if we have it. We need to be prepared to answer the question, why are we allowing a religious shrine on NPS property? Diane will share that draft email with us tomorrow before it is sent to Rob. Can we afford to wait until Rob returns, or should we seek another solicitor's input? The important thing about Rob is that he is already conversant on this issue.

Diane and I also talked about putting a piece on the park web site covering the construction of the new amphitheater with a sentence at the end that says "The NPS has no plans for the stupa." Just as short and plain as we can get. Diane has spoken with a number of the folks in the local Buddhist community and given them assurances that we are not moving the stupa, and has also spoken with the author of the web site (who is the widow of the former owner of the house and stupa).

Diane let me know that she expects an article in the Albuquerque Journal over the weekend that will explain that the NPS has no plans to move the stupa.

Rick

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Joe - See additional actions that you should take ASAP - work with rick and Laura as needed - pls advise follow up actions done as they are completed. thanks

Mary Gibson Scott