December 12, 1955

Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Senator:

Immediately upon the reconvening of Congress in January, I am going to introduce a bill authorizing the issuance of a special commemorative stamp honoring the founding of the Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming. You may recall from history that this was the first such National Monument established by Congress. Next year, 1956, will mark the Golden Anniversary of the establishment of this Monument, and I feel that the issuance of a commemorative stamp certainly is justified.

I do not intend to push this legislation, but to use it as a lever to encourage the Post Office Department to issue such a stamp. That is why I am anxious to have as many Senators as possible appear on the bill with me. Thus far 23 Senators have joined as co-sponsors. They are O'Mahoney, Young, Langer, Murray, Walker, Mansfield, Dworkshak, Curtis, Carlson, Watkins, Case of South Dakota, Mundt, Muraski, Bennett, Allott, Butler, Kerr, Thurmond, Wiley, Neuberger, Knowland and Martin.

I have received a letter from the Governor of your State supporting my proposal and advising that he has written to the Post Office Department urging issuance of the stamp.

I would be most honored if you would join with me as a co-sponsor of this bill, a copy of which is enclosed. Will you advise my office as soon as possible if you wish to place your name on the bill.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Frank A. Barrett, "U.S.S.

Enclosure
Mr. BARRETT

Introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

To provide for the issuance of a special postage stamp commemorating the establishment of Devils Tower as the first National Monument in the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General is authorized and directed to prepare for issuance on June 17, 1956, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, a special series of postage stamps, of such denomination as he shall prescribe, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the proclamation establishing Devils Tower as the first National Monument in the United States. Such stamps shall be of an appropriate design which shall include a likeness of Devils Tower, and such inscription as will designate the postage stamps as commemorative of such anniversary.