Honorable Joseph R. McCarthy
Chairman
Committee on Government Operations
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator McCarthy:

Section 303 (e) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (63 Stat. 377, Public Law 155, 81st Congress), as amended by subsection (i) of Section 1 of Public Law 522, 82nd Congress, provides as follows:

"(e) Unless the Administrator shall determine that disposal by advertising will in a given case better protect the public interest, surplus property disposals may be made without regard to any provision of existing law for advertising until 12 o'clock noon, eastern standard time, June 30, 1953: Provided, That an explanatory statement shall be prepared and submitted to the appropriate committees of Congress and a copy preserved in the file of all cases where negotiated disposal occurs."

I am enclosing herewith the explanatory statement relative to the proposed disposal required by the proviso in the above-quoted section. It is submitted in advance of the proposed action in accordance with the indication appearing on page 5 of Senate Report No. 2075 on H.R. 5350 (Public Law 522, 82nd Congress) that it was intended to require submission of the statement prior to consummation of the disposal. Pursuant to the foregoing authority the approval of this statement by me will also serve to authorize the Regional Director, Region 2, General Services Administration, New York, New York, to negotiate and consummate the sale of the road right-of-way 6,565 feet long by 66 feet wide at the former New York Ordnance Works, Baldwinsville, New York, on and after March 9, 1953, for the highest price obtainable.

Under the circumstances outlined in the enclosed statement, I have determined that the usual method of advertising for sealed
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bids will not better protect the public interest. Hence I have authorized the Regional Director at New York to negotiate the disposal of this road right-of-way.

Sincerely yours,

RUSSELL FORBES
Acting Administrator

Enclosure