

The Museum of Modern Art

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Ms. Martha Catlin
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Old Post Office Building
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. # 809
Washington, D.C. 20004


Dear Ms. Catlin,

I am writing in reference to the Cyclorama Building (former Visitor Center) designed by Richard Neutra at Gettysburg. I understand this building is undergoing the "106 review process" with your agency, and I encourage you to support the maintenance and restoration of the building to ensure its future.

While I share the view of many of my colleagues regarding the significance of this public work by Neutra, I also find it ironic that the Park Service considers the building a desecration of hallowed ground which they would like to restore to its original character. Of course, such a proposition is virtually impossible, and their approach coupled with the proposed destruction of the Neutra building presents a disturbing distortion of twentieth century history as well. Rather, I strongly urge the Park Service to restore the building and if necessary to take advantage of the professional expertise of those architects and historians who had first-hand experience with Neutra.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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