March 4, 1959

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to Executive Order 10796, of January 3, 1959, on July 4 of this year the new flag occasioned by the admission of Alaska into the Union becomes effective. Proclamation 2795 of July 2, 1948, directs that at the Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine the flag be displayed at all times during the day and night, except when the weather is inclement.

This Executive Order and Proclamation gives you the authority to raise the new flag at Fort McHenry at 12:01 A.M. on Saturday, July 4, 1959. In order to commemorate further the splendid tradition of the Stars and Stripes at Fort McHenry it is my request that you exercise such authority.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The Honorable Fred A. Seaton
The Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D.C.