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Mr. Ralph Feldman
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Dear Mr. Feldman:

Thank you for your April 1, 2002, letter to President Bush regarding your proposal for a Memorial for the fallen firefighters of the World Trade Center disaster.

Your letter has been forwarded to me, as the Northeast Region of the National Park Service is tracking Memorial activities in New York City.

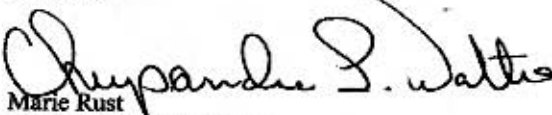
As you probably know, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, established by the Governor and Mayor of New York, is the lead in planning and coordinating the rebuilding and revitalization of Lower Manhattan, and the lead in creating a permanent Memorial at or near the World Trade Center site. The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation has recently released the first of its public documents, which outlines principles and guidelines for overall development. This document is accessible via their web site <http://www.renewnyc.com>, or by contacting them at One Liberty Plaza, 20th floor, New York, New York 10006 or by telephone at (212) 962-2147.

Given the enormous number of people affected by the attack on the World Trade Center, it is likely that the planning and public deliberation over a permanent Memorial will take some time and there may be a formal public solicitation for design proposals. You may want to keep in touch with the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation regarding their Memorial plans, timetable and process for submitting proposals. Other organizations, such as the ones you copied on your letter to the President, may also be considering additional Memorials around the city.

The September 11th firefighters hold a special place in our hearts, and I am sure your proposal for a firefighter's Memorial will be seriously considered.

Thank you for your considerable efforts on their behalf.

Sincerely,


Marie Rust

Northeast Regional Director