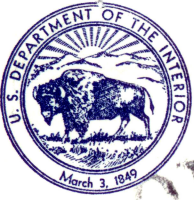


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Dear Mr. President:

As you directed in your letter of April 26, I will personally raise the first official 50-star flag over Fort McHenry on July 4.

Enclosed is the official invitation to attend the ceremonies, which begin at 10:45 p.m., July 3. The 50-star flag will be raised at one minute after midnight. We would, of course, be greatly honored if you should find it possible to attend.

Sincerely,

*James A. Traion*  
Secretary of the Interior

*Regretted by phone*

The President  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

Enclosure

*The Secretary of the Interior*

*requests the honor of your presence  
at the ceremony attending*

*The First Official Raising of  
the 50-Star Flag of  
the United States of America*

*at 10:45 o'clock on the evening of  
Sunday, July third, nineteen hundred and sixty  
at Fort McHenry  
National Monument and Historic Shrine  
Baltimore, Maryland*