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SEUM OF
AMERICAN
FOLK ART

April 3, 1987

Honorable Thomas Kean
Governor
The State Capitol
Trenton, NJ 06825

Dear Governor Kean:

I am writing to you on behalf of Kea Tanawa and
her Newark "Ark" which has recently attracted a
great deal of media attention.

Although I have not personally seen this environmental
sculpture I am told by several art historians whose
opinions I respect, that it is of major importance
and should be preserved. The scores of neighborhood
people who stopped by during one afternoon to express
their support for this significant example of urban
folk sculpture attest to its importance to a community
which has suffered a troubled past.

I strongly recommend that plans for immediate demolition
be curtailed until a solution for saving the "Ark"
acceptable to all involved parties, can be explored.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert Bishop
Director

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