THE PRINCETON FILM CENTER

PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

10 June 1951

Mr. Leon Devalinger
Hall of Records
State of Delaware
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Devalinger:

As requested in our telephone conversation of yesterday, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the schedule of events received from Mr. Goff and his accompanying letter of May fourth. Unfortunately, this is June tenth and a great deal of valuable time has elapsed since receipt of this information from Mr. Goff.

My first concern in this matter is the lack of time to prepare. I am sure you agree in our feeling that it is better to forego the assignment than to do it inadequately.

As you will note in the enclosed letter, the events listed all have to do with the Tercentenary celebration and there is no mention of added filming aimed at the production of a documentary on New Castle. In addition, it was my understanding that we would select such events to film as we felt would lend themselves most advantageously to the production of a thirteen-minute film. In any event, it was our plan to prepare an outline and request approval before undertaking any photography.

In the event of inclement weather, we feel it would be inadvisable to attempt to endeavor to take pictures in a tent. This would call for extensive lighting which should, for maximum safety and efficiency, be rigged above the spectators and performers. Therefore, as mentioned to you yesterday, we would obtain weather reports before making the trip to New Castle and, in the event of unfavorable reports, would call off the scheduled trip. If, however, we proceeded to New Castle on the basis of a favorable forecast, and the weather changed, we would be obliged to bill you for our costs, plus overhead and a reasonable mark-up.

We will hope to hear from you immediately in this matter and will want to conclude an agreement prior to undertaking the assignment. If, however, you can send us a letter of authorization to serve as an interim agreement, this will expedite matters considerably.

It is regrettable that so much time has been lost in seemingly unnecessary detours. I wish we had been fortunate enough to contact you at the outset.

Please be assured that we are sincerely desirous of working with you in every possible way consistent with the delivery of a mutually satisfying picture.

My thanks to you for your fine cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Gordon Knox
The Princeton Film Center, Inc.

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COPY: Telegram sent to Mr. Goff by Mr. Knox May 16, 1951

Mr. Alan Goff
Goff Associates
1002 Washington Street
Wilmington, Delaware

CONFIRMING OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION OF ELEVENTH WE SUBMIT HEREWITH OUR PROPOSAL TO FILM NEW CASTLE TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION ON JUNE SIXTEENTH PLUS SUPPLEMENTARY FILMING OF ARRIVAL OF DUTCH AIRCRAFT ON FIFTEEN JUNE FOR FEE OF TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING. STOP. WORK WILL BE DONE ON SIXTEEN MILLIMETER COLOR WITH COMBINATION OF SYNCHRONOUS AND NON SYNCHRONOUS SOUND. STOP. LENGTH OF SUBJECT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTEEN MINUTES WITH TELEVISION USE ENVISIONED. STOP. WE WILL UNDERTAKE DISTRIBUTION AND SALE OF SUBJECT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ON SIXTY-FORTY SPLIT OF GROSS REVENUES LESS PRINT AND DISTRIBUTION AND ADVERTISING COSTS WITH MAJORITY PORTION OURS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS YOUR PRODUCTION COSTS HAVE BEEN RECOUPED. STOP. THEREAFTER ALL REVENUES SHALL BE ENTIRELY OURS PLUS OWNERSHIP OF NEGATIVE AND ALL RIGHTS OF ANY NATURE INHERENT THEREIN EXCEPT USE OF SUBJECT IN STATE OF DELAWARE. STOP. PLEASE ADVISE. THANK YOU AND GOOD WISHES.

Gordon Knox, President
The Princeton Film Center, Inc.

COPY:

GOFF ASSOCIATES

1002 Washington Street

Wilmington, Delaware

May 4, 1951

Miss Margaret Lewis
Princeton Film Center,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Miss Lewis:

This is in answer to your telephoned request for additional information regarding the New Castle Tercentenary celebration. Attached you will find a schedule of the events of the day, June 16th. In addition to this schedule tentative plans call for the landing of a Dutch Air Lines plane at New Castle Airport, carrying either a group of Rotarians or Lions from the Netherlands or a group of Netherlands citizens, all dressed in their native costumes.

I feel that this should be a colorful part of the over-all Tercentenary celebration and should be included in the film. The plane will arrive, according to current plans, on the day before the celebration which would be Friday, June 15th. This then, would require your staff to be on hand a day earlier.

As to the accommodations, I find that the little town of New Castle will be overflowing but I am sure reservations could be made at the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington for the required staff. I think, though, that you should include this cost in your estimate.

With regard to your question concerning the possible rain-date, I am advised that none has been planned and that should there be bad weather the celebration will still go on although it will have to be on a much limited basis. Arrangements have been made for a tent large enough to seat 2,000 people and most of the activities will be from within that tent in the event of rain.

A related part of the celebration might prove interesting and worth some footage. A display of paintings by 17th Century Dutch Masters are being exhibited at the Delaware Art Center in Wilmington, starting on May 6 and continuing through the Tercentenary date of June 16.

Invitations have been extended to the President of the United States, Prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands, the Netherlands Ambassador, and the Governors of the original thirteen states.

I hope this is the information you require for your recommendations. If it is not sufficient, please feel free to call me. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

Alan Goff (signed)

GOFF ASSOCIATES

ALAN GOFF:AP

AT NEW CASTLE ON THE DELAWARE

June 16, 1951

10 to 11 o'clock A.M. ---- Reception of special guests at the Academy and other buildings and in private homes by the Commission and the Town Hospitality Committee.

10 to 11 o'clock A.M. ---- Music by the United States Marine Band on the Battery (the park facing the river in which area a number of the Dutch founders had their homesteads.

11 to 12:30 o'clock ----- Platform Exercises on the Battery.

1. Opening by General Chairman.
2. Words of welcome by the Mayor of New Castle.
3. Greetings and brief statement by the Chairman of the Commission.
4. Welcome from the State by Governor Carvel and remarks introducing President Truman.
5. Address by the President of the United States.
6. Greetings from Holland and address by the Netherlands Ambassador to the United States.
7. Speech by an American descendant of the Dutch Founders of New Castle.
8. Closing by the Chairman with announcement of events for the remainder of the day.

1:15 to 2:30 o'clock ----- Luncheon on the Green for invited guests. Additional service for several hundred Delawareans who will be expected to pay for their luncheon.

Concessions on the Battery for visitors in general who wish to buy luncheons.

Programs of music and Dutch folk dances for the entertainment of general visitors during this luncheon period.

2:30 to 3:15 o'clock ---- On the Court House plaza. It is the hope of the Commission that the General Assembly will be interested to hold a brief joint session here which can be made audible by amplifiers to a great part of the Tercentenary attendance.

It is understood that no official action can be taken at such a token session; but appropriate resolutions can be passed honoring Dutch founders. The legislators may wish to pay tribute also to their forerunners of the colonial assembly who met there.

3:45 to 4:00 P.M. ------- Historic pageant on the Battery.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 11, 1951

Mr. Gordon Knox
Princeton Film Center
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Knox:

In accordance with our telephone conversations on Saturday, June 9, I wish to say that after talking withyou the first time I communicated with Mr. E. Preston Rutter, Director of the State Development Department and was advised by him that his Department has not requested a change in the plan of the motion picture of the New Castle Tercentenary as originally planned to another type of picture dwelling on historic New Castle. Following that conversation with Mr. Rutter, I called Mr. Thomas Holcomb, President of the New Castle Tercentenary Commission, and from him I learned the same thing. Also from Mr. Holcomb I received authority to negotiate for that Commission with your firm for the making of a 16 mm. motion picture with sound in color of the New Castle Tercentenary as set forth in your proposal to Mr. Alan Goff. This is to advise you in writing that I am authorized to negotiate for the Commission in this respect.

In our later conversation on Saturday afternoon you asked for a statement of our intention to employ your firm to undertake the making of this picture for us. Without the benefit of the

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correspondence you had with Mr. Goff and relying upon my memory we wish to accept your proposal of $2500 to make this 16 mm. color film for us with the understanding that your firm will market the film and that as it is sold we will be reimbursed accordingly. We also understand that we are supplied with one copy of this film for this amount. In making this acceptance we are doing it on the basis that it is exactly as stated in your correspondence and telegrams with Mr. Goff who presented this verbally to the Executive Committee of the Tercentenary Commission.

It will help us considerably and clarify the issue for us if you will give us a statement regarding your responsibility in the event of rain on June 16. We do not know the exact details of your agreement with Mr. Goff but we assume that your coverage of events on June 16 will include not only background information but all the activities on the program; that is episodes of the pageant, the Marine Band, the arrival of the two Dutch destroyers, the token session of the Legislature in front of the Old Court House, the arrival of distinguished guests as well as such background material as the Old Dutch House, the Presbyterian Church and other coverage or interesting scenes along the streets.

Again thanking you for calling me and hoping that this will clarify the whole situation for both of us, I am,

Cordially yours,

Member
New Castle Tercentenary
Commission

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CC: Mr. Thomas Holcomb, II

New Castle Tercentenary of Dutch Settlement, 1651-1951

Commemorating the Founding of New Castle and Delaware's Heritage from the Dutch

To the early Dutch Delaware owes its existence as a separate colony and state, one of the original thirteen, as well as the beginnings of self-government on its soil at the site of the delightful old town of New Castle on the Delaware River.

At New Castle, Saturday, June 16, 1951, Delaware will celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the town by Peter Stuyvesant, the director general of New Netherland in America, and will pay tribute to the founders and the settlers under Dutch rule on the Delaware River.

The Dutch nation claimed all the territory of the Delaware and the Hudson River valleys by right of discovery in 1609. They named this whole region New Netherland in honor of their homeland—the United Netherlands (Holland). In 1626 they founded as their capital, New Amsterdam (New York) on their North River (the Hudson).

The Delaware was their South River. They had a fort on it opposite the site of Philadelphia in 1624, and in 1631 settled a colony at the site of Lewes on Delaware Bay. There, when the settlers were reaping their first harvest, the Indians fell upon them and killed all but one man who escaped. But it was this settlement and the cultivation of their fields by the Dutch that kept the Delaware territory separate from that of Maryland.

The Dutch made peace with the Indians, continued to control the river, and enjoyed a fine trade in beaver and other skins until the Swedes came to settle in 1638 at the present site of Wilmington. During the next ten years the Swedes captured the best of the trade on the Delaware.

This was too much for the vigorous Peter Stuyvesant, appointed governor of New Netherland, 1647, by the Dutch West India Company, the chartered agency for trade and settlement. In the summer of 1651, he came down from New Amsterdam with ships, men, and supplies, secured from the Indians the land from Christina Creek to Bombay Hook and built Fort Casimir on a then high point at the end of New Castle's present Chestnut Street.

With "Old Fort Casimir," the Dutch again controlled the river trade. Close by it they began to build the town. The Swedes seized this settlement in 1654, but the next year Peter Stuyvesant took it back and established Dutch rule on the whole river. The Swedish governor returned to Sweden, but many of the Swedes accepted Stuyvesant's offer of Dutch citizenship under himself and his deputy governor, Jean Paul Jacquet, at Fort Casimir.

Fort Casimir became New Amstel April 12, 1657, with the signing of a deed of transfer of the colony between the Christina River and Bombay Hook, from the Dutch West India Company to the burgomasters of the city of Amsterdam in Holland. Jacob Alrichs, the new director sent over by the burgomasters, arrived at New Amstel April 25, in the ship *Gilded Beaver* filled with colonists, men, women, and children, and the schoolmaster Everet Petersen. More people came later.

In spite of serious misfortunes: storms, sickness, and the luring away of some of his settlers to Maryland, Governor Alrichs could soon write home to Amsterdam, "This settlement is now pretty fine looking and convenient, with 110 houses built."

Director General Stuyvesant continued to control the rest of the Delaware region including the customs service of the whole river for the Dutch West India Company. Headquarters were at Fort Christina, renamed Altena, at the site of Wilmington.

At Fort Altena, William Beekman, ancestor of many distinguished families in America, represented the Dutch West India Company and its government under Peter Stuyvesant. He had a house there, near the fort, where two of his children were born; and also a house at New Amstel, where he stayed whenever a ship's cargo was to be inspected and duty collected. All ships, under whatever flag, were required to stop at New Amstel.

Under Dutch rule on the Delaware, the first courts of justice, the first public school, and the first elements of self-government were established on Delaware's soil.

When New Amstel became New Castle under the English, the independence of character born and bred in the Dutch people continued to influence life and government, and formed part of the independent spirit among Delaware's people that finally led to our becoming the First State.

Dutch magistrates continued in office in the English period; two of them were attorneys for the Duke of York to convey the territory of Delaware to William Penn, and among the members of the general assemblies under Penn that met at New Castle, the capital of the colony, were the early Dutch and their descendants.

Among natives and other residents of Delaware today are many descendants of the Dutch who were founders and early settlers during the Dutch period on the Delaware and on the Hudson.

The New Castle Tercentenary Commission was created by the 1949 General Assembly to plan a celebration by which the people of New Castle and the whole state may pay fitting tribute to the Dutch founders.

The Dutch embassy at Washington, in the spirit of the long continuing friendship between the Dutch and the American peoples, is co-operating with the commission in its plans. The commission hopes that all agencies and groups within the state, official and unofficial, and individual citizens, will be interested to have a share in making the Dutch Tercentenary celebration of 1951, an outstanding tribute to the Dutch founders.

Tercentenary Commission

Thomas Holcomb II, Chairman
Mrs. J. Danforth Bush, Jr., Secretary
James T. Eliason, Jr., Treasurer
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130 Delaware Street
New Castle, October 31, 1950



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State Commission for The Tercentenary
Old Dutch House on the Green
New Castle, Delaware

HOUSE BILL NO. ___

AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE GENERAL EXPENSES OF THE NEW CASTLE TERCENTENARY COMMISSION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MET:

WHEREAS, the 115th Session of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware by Act provided for a State Commission to prepare plans for a fitting Celebration on the occasion of the Tercentenary of the first Permanent Dutch Settlement in Delaware (at New Castle); and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prepared such plans with the co-operation of many citizens of this State, of the Library of Congress of the United States and other national associations and agencies, of the Netherlands Embassy at Washington and of other agencies representing the Dutch Government and Dutch people; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable and necessary that a general appropriation should be made for the payment of the expenses of the Commemoration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the establishment by the Dutch in Delaware of the first measures of self-government; and the founding of New Castle which was to become the Colonial Capital and the first Capital of the First State, NOW THEREFORE,

Section 1. That the sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars ($65,000.00) be and the same is hereby appropriated out of the General Fund of the State of Delaware for defraying the expenses of the Celebration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of Dutch settlement at New Castle in the State of Delaware, and the preparations therefor required to be executed by the said Commission.

Section 2. That the said sum of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars ($65,000.00) so appropriated, shall be paid by the State Treasurer from the General Fund, from time to time to the "New Castle Tercentenary Commission" upon properly executed standard invoice forms signed by the President and the Secretary of the Commission.

Section 3. An additional fund of Ten Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) is hereby appropriated to be used as a contingency fund to defray extraordinary expenses in the event that the President of the United States and his entourage and/or a representative of the Royal family of the Netherlands shall accept the invitation of the Commission to attend the Celebration. Any unexpended portion of this contingency fund shall revert to the General Fund in the State Treasury.

Section 3. This Act shall be known as a Supplementary Appropriation Act, and the funds hereby appropriated shall be paid out of the General Fund of the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated. The money appropriated as aforesaid shall become immediately available upon the approval of this Act.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO APPOINT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE NEW CASTLE TERCENTENARY COMMISSION TO AID IN COMPLETING AND EXECUTING PLANS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE THREE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF DUTCH SETTLEMENT AT NEW CASTLE, COLONIAL CAPITAL ON THE DELAWARE RIVER AND FIRST CAPITAL OF THE FIRST STATE.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act of the 115th Session of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware for the purpose of the preparation of plans for the fitting Celebration of the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the founding of New Castle by the Dutch, the Governor appointed seven Residents of this State who he had reason to believe were deeply interested in historical events; and

WHEREAS, the seven members so appointed have prepared such plans and reported them to this General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the shortness of the time remaining for executing the plans before June 16, 1951, the assistance of additional members of the Commission is desired and needed; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY MET (two-thirds of all the Members elected to each House of the General Assembly agreeing thereto):

Section 1. That the Governor be and he is hereby authorized and requested to appoint not more than thirty additional members of the New Castle Tercentenary Commission within ten days of the passage of this Resolution. Said additional members shall include the President Pro tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, three members of the Senate to be designated by the President Pro tempore, three members of the House to be designated by the Speaker, the State Archivist, the President of the Lewes Memorial Commission, the President of the Historical Society of Delaware, the President of the New Castle Historical Society, the President of the Swedish Colonial Society, the President of the Wilmington Society of the Fine Arts, the President of the University of Delaware, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Superintendent of the Public

Schools of Wilmington, the Superintendent of the New Castle Special School district, four members to represent at large the City of Wilmington and each of the three counties of the State, and at least five residents of the City of New Castle; the Governor, the Mayor of Wilmington and the Mayor of New Castle shall be members of the Commission ex-officio.

Section 2. That it shall be the duty of the New Castle Tercentenary Commission to perfect and execute the plans for the Celebration on June 16, 1951, of the Dutch Tercentenary in a manner consistent with the dignity of the State and the importance of the Commemoration of the establishing by the Dutch of the beginning of self-government on Delaware soil; of the beginning of the Colonial Capital of the Delaware Counties the first meeting-place of the Colonial Assembly,and the first Capital of the First State.

Section 3. That the said New Castle Tercentenary Commission be and is hereby authorized to make such report or reports to the General Assembly of Delaware during its present session with such recommendations for further legislation by the General Assembly as it deems proper and necessary for the proper fulfillment of its duties.

Section 4. That the said New Castle Tercentenary Commission make its final report and submit it to the General Assembly in the year 1953.

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EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY
17th CENTURY DUTCH MASTERS
MAY 6 THROUGH JUNE 17 1951

OTHER EVENTS AT THE ART CENTER

MAY 20 EXHIBIT OF WORK FROM ART CENTER CHILDRENS CLASSES OPENING IN THE ART SCHOOL ROOMS AT TWO O'CLOCK PROGRAM FOR PARENTS ON "WHAT CREATIVE ART MEANS TO YOUR CHILD" WILL BE GIVEN AT THREE O'CLOCK

MAY 20 GALLERY TALK ON DUTCH PAINTINGS
3.30 P.M. MISS CLOTILDA BROKAW
PROFESSOR OF ART, VASSAR COLLEGE

FESTIVAL OF ARTS

MAY 14-19 WORK FROM ART CENTER CRAFTS CLASSES EXHIBITION IN MILLARD DAVIS WINDOW

MAY 22-23 PREVIEW CLOTHESLINE SALE AT HOTEL DU PONT

MAY 24-25 CLOTHES LINE SALE AT MUNICIPAL BUILDING DEMONSTRATION OF POTTERY AND WEAVING BY MEMBERS OF THE ART CENTER CRAFT CLASSES

PAINTINGS BY DUTCH MASTERS

The Exhibition of Paintings by 17th Century Dutch Masters will open formally at the Delaware Art Center on Sunday afternoon, May 6, at four o'clock. The exhibit is also sponsored by the New Castle Tercentenary Commission, and will serve as the major event preliminary to the celebration on June 16 of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Dutch at New Castle.

The Netherlands Embassy in Washington is interested in our Exhibition and we are expecting Ambassador J. Herman van Roijen and Dr. N. A. C. Slotemaker de Bruine to be present on the opening afternoon.

The committee is happy to announce that, with the generous assistance of museums and collectors, it was able to assemble a representative exhibition of the work of Dutch artists of this great period, including among others: Rembrandt; Frans Hals; Pieter de Hoogh; Jan Steen; Ruisdael; Fabritius; Cuyp; Wouverman; Capelle; van Goyen; Backhuysen; Hondecoeter; Molenaer. Portraits, landscapes, genre pictures, and still life paintings afford a variety of subject matter.

The committee which has arranged the exhibit includes Miss Gertrude Brinckle and Mrs. Robert Wheelwright, co-chairmen, Mrs. Samuel Homsey, Mr. Peter Meyeringh, and Mrs. Cyrus Pyle, with Mrs. J. Danforth Bush, Jr., and Miss Constance Moore, ex-officio.