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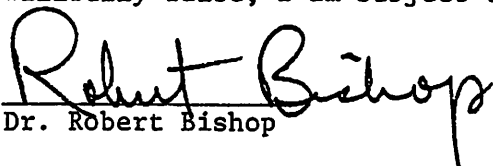
I certify that I am Robert Bishop. I live at 213 West 22nd Street, New York, NY 10011. I am Director of the Museum of American Folk Art.

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

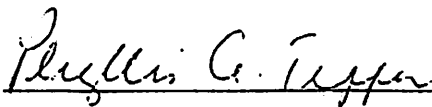
Although I have not personally seen this environmental sculpture I am told by several art historians whose opinions I respect, that it is of major importance and should be preserved. The scores of neighborhood people who stopped by during one afternoon to express their support for this significant example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

I certify that the statements made by me in the foregoing are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

  
Dr. Robert Bishop

Sworn to before me the 28th day of April, 1987



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