

CHICAGO COURTHOUSE ROBO

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Dear:

On several occasions I have discussed with officials of the General Services Administration the likelihood that the old Courthouse can be saved from demolition and preserved for a variety of purposes as set forth in resolutions, letters and petitions which have come to me in behalf of this project.

The GSA advises that the structure cannot be saved for the very good reason that the project as approved by the Congress and the contracts already under consideration require that the site of the Old Courthouse be used as the site for the new structure to be erected and it would require a reversal of all plans and all undertakings thus far consummated in order to do so.

In fact, GSA knows of no legal way in which this structure can be saved from demolition and gives that as a final judgment in the matter.

Under those circumstances it would appear that the introduction of a bill to that effect would be but a mere gesture. It would be opposed by the Bureau of the Budget and interested agencies of the Federal government. I understand also that GSA has advised all interested parties who have been in contact with this to that effect. I doubt very much under the circumstances that any measure which might be introduced would be effective because Budget and GSA officials would obviously come before any committee of the Congress and testify how far the project has gone and that, therefore, such a proposal should not be enacted.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen