

December 8, 1976

Beverly Chapman
Director of Interpretive Programs
Glen Echo Park
Glen Echo, Maryland

Dear Ms. Chapman:

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington would like to present a two day folk festival at Glen Echo Park in cooperation with the Park Service. This festival would highlight traditional American music, including bluegrass, plus American and international dance. All participants would be drawn from the greater Washington Area.

The festival would take place on a late spring weekend from 1:00 to 6:00 P.M. both days. We would plan to run 3 or 4 outdoor stages, use the ballroom for demonstration and participation dancing and provide children's activities. We hope participation by the Glen Echo craftsmen will be an integral part of the festival.

We like the idea of using Glen Echo because it is a convenient and appropriate facility, used and enjoyed by the community. It is large enough to accommodate the audience we expect to draw. As far as we know, this would be the first regional folk festival held in the Washington area.

The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk arts in this area; we would be responsible for selecting and implementing the program. In addition to providing the facility, we hope the Park Service would offer assistance with set-up, maintenance, security, publicity and children's activities.

Because we expect to use the entire park, we feel that charging admission at the gate would be more efficient than charging for individual events. Money collected would be used to cover festival expenses, and any left over would be divided between FSGW and Glen Echo.

We are excited about the possibilities for this festival and I look forward to talking with you soon.

Sincerely

Deborah T. Hutton
Festival Coordinator