

February 14, 2002

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Dear Dr. Burns,

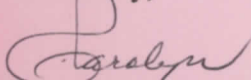
The Smithsonian is coming to town! I am writing to invite you to attend the grand opening of *Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945* on Sunday, March 10, 2002 at 2:00 pm, at the Louisiana Political Museum, 499 East Main Street, Winnfield, Louisiana.

In conjunction with this exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution, through the support of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities, we will also highlight the 1941 Louisiana Maneuvers (during which time Winnfield was the headquarters of the Red Army) in cooperation with the Louisiana Military Maneuvers Museum. The American Red Cross plus local memorabilia from Winnfield and Winn Parish veterans and their families will be on display. The 156<sup>th</sup> Army Band, under the direction of Myron Turner will perform a concert of patriotic music and music of the 40's for the grand opening.

We are able to host the exhibition through the support of the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities and **Museum on Main Street**, a collaborative project between the Smithsonian Institution and state humanities councils nationwide. This program provides smaller Smithsonian exhibitions to rural communities and enhances them with public humanities programs. Please know how much it means for institutions like ours to receive exhibitions and educational opportunities of such high quality, and how rare it is as well.

We would be honored to see you at the exhibition's grand opening where you can see firsthand the excitement engendered community-wide by having the Smithsonian come to town and the opportunity it has afforded us to highlight our own local heritage.

Sincerely,



Carolyn R. Phillips, Director  
Louisiana Political Museum



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