



Smithsonian National Museum
of Natural History
10th St. & Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20560

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I'm currently writing a history of the Levittown phenomenon in the United States and several other countries, and I recently paid a visit to Simon David Marable's Levittown Exhibit Center in Levittown, PA. The exhibit occupies an entire Levittown House in the Snowball Gate section, and I found the house itself and its impressive collection of documents, artefacts, photographs, and memorabilia completely fascinating. I spent hours there and could have stayed longer; I plan to return. Mr. Marable, a former high school teacher, has created a treasure trove for historians and social scientists interested in the history of postwar housing and community building in the suburbs of America.

I wish local authorities would create a permanent public space for Mr. Marable's collection so that it would be easier and more convenient for visitors to see it. But in the absence of such a public space, I strongly urge the Smithsonian to accept for its collection the important item that Mr. Marable would like to donate.

Many thanks for considering this request.

Yours sincerely,

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