

March 22, 1954

Dear Joe:

Enclosed find letter from Senator Kraft that is explanatory; also copy of clipping from the San Diego Tribune.

I would appreciate your handling this matter in your usual gifted way. It will be appreciated.

I am too old to get around much anymore, Joe, but I have not forgotten the happy times together and the many courtesies you extended me.

I am mighty sorry that Butch Powers did not get the endorsement of the Republican committee, but I hope he runs and I will do everything in his behalf I can. We have a large number of Fletchers here that can help put things over when the occasion demands.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

Mr. Joe Beek, Secretary of Senate  
State of California  
State Capitol  
Sacramento 14, California

April 6, 1954

Dear Joe:

I know you will be happy to know that Washington has instructed its Ambassador, Guggenheim, in Lisbon, Portugal, to represent the United States Government in showing its appreciation for the Cabrillo statue. I will offically represent the City of San Diego and the State of California.

I am leaving in three weeks, so won't you please hurry up that Resolution passed by the Legislature and I hope you can get the Governor's signature on it with the Seal of State.

I am nearly 82 years young, and this is probably the last trip Mary and I will make, but I have so many happy memories and such a fine friend in you. As long as I live, I shall cherish those memories and the happy trips we had together.

Always your friend, and any time you get into jail I will go you bond!!

As ever,

EF:ls

Honorable Joe Beek  
Secretary of Senate  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, California



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April 9, 1954

Honorable Ed Fletcher  
1020 Ninth Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

Dear Ed:

I have yours of the 6th, and am delighted to know that you are going to represent the City of San Diego and the State of California in Lisbon.

The resolution is practically done. We only need a few signatures to complete it, and then we will forward it.

Hoping that you and your good wife will have a fine trip, and with full appreciation of all your kindnesses,

Yours old friend,



P.S. Ed: Note from the stationery who is writing to you!

April 12, 1954

Dear Joe:

Thanks kindly for your letter of the 9th. Are you going to get the Governor's signature?

The U. S. Ambassador to Portugal is making the arrangements, representing the United States. I do appreciate what you are doing to make this a happy ceremony. We are leaving the last week in April.

I am sending you under separate cover a couple dozen Bird of Paradise, - just to let you know that the Hawaiian Islands have competition in the raising of Birds of Paradise.

I want one more fishing trip with you. Am in my 82nd year, but we have our own trout pools up at Cuyamaca and hope you and the good lady will come to San Diego this summer, when we return from our European trip. We will send you home with a trip in the mountains and a nice mess of trout. What do you say?

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Honorable Joe Beek, President  
American Association of Legislative Offices  
State Building  
Sacramento, California



August 4, 1954

Mr. Joe A. Beek, Secretary  
California Senate  
Sacramento, California

Friend Joe:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written Lt. Governor Powers for your information. What can you do to help?

By the way, we have some trout pools full of trout up by Cuyamaca Lake. We would love to have you and the good lady come down and spend the night with us in the mountains and take home a nice mess of trout the next day. You set the date.

I am 82 and we don't get around like we used to, but I would love to talk over old times with you. If the dear lady can't come, bring two or three friends and we will make up a stag party.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure

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JOSEPH A. BEEK  
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER  
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410 SOUTH B. FRONT  
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Senate  
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August 7, 1954

Hon. Ed Fletcher  
1020 9th Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

Dear Ed:

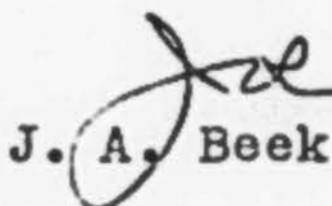
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I am glad you liked the resolution we prepared for you to take overseas, and I will get hold of Pat Rollins, the girl who illuminated it and see if I can't get her to fix up another for you to give to the Park Service.

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J. A. Beek

August 10, 1954

Mr. J. A. Beek  
Secretary of the Senate  
Sacramento, California

Dear Joe:

Thanks for yours of the 7th. Butch Powers and my son Ed, Jr., went to college together and, of course, we are plugging for him. That is the reason I wrote to him and sent you a copy, because I knew you would understand. Thanks a million for your interest.

That invitation to catch some trout is genuine. You can leave Balboa at 8:00 in the morning, or earlier if you wish, going via Oceanside, Escondido, Ramona, Julian and meet us at Cuyamaca Lake by 11:00. Have just built a three-mile road up to the top of Cuyamaca Peak where we have built a log cabin among the most beautiful pines and a 100-mile view. We will have our luncheon there and after a couple of hours we will go down to our trout pools and catch a mess of trout. You can be home by 6:00 or 7:00 that night.

If you want, bring the good wife. And if you can spend the night with us, come down to San Diego some morning and we will show you around San Diego. You can stay overnight with us at Grossmont, and then we will go up to Cuyamaca the next morning and do some fishing and have lunch there. Mary and I will be more than happy to have you come. You set the date.

With kindest regards,

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