

September 14, 1923.

Mr. B. W. Sinclair,
1040 First Street,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Sinclair:

This is probably the last time I am going to ask you for money on national highway work.

I have been, within the last two weeks, over to Arizona on business and while there went over the road situation. Phoenix has been industriously working for a direct highway to Blythe marked in red. A bunch of public spirited citizens of Southern Arizona are determined to outwit Phoenix at her own game and they have prepared a map similar to the one herewith enclosed.

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter from Mr. Hunt that is explanatory. This money must be raised. I am giving \$100 myself toward this expense and ask that you send me \$25 to \$50 for the good of the cause to complete the building of the road Gila Bend to Casa Grande along the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is practically as short a route as the Ajo, and is more attractive to the Eastern tourists on account of its following the Southern Pacific Railroad the entire distance. It gives them a safer feeling.

The highway is already built in good shape from El Paso via Lordsburg to Douglas, Tombstone and Casa Grande. It is all built and in good condition from El Paso via Globe and Superior to Casa Grande. It is already completed or under contract from Gila Bend to Yuma, a magnificent highway, which I went over the other day. The connecting link between Gila Bend and Casa Grande is mostly in Maricopa County, dominated by Phoenix, with the result that not one dollar will be spent by Maricopa supervisors to build the Gila Bend, Maricopa Casa Grande road and it all must be done by private subscription.

San Diego will then get its share of the travel without a doubt, when the road is built, and this is the best money we can ever spend.

September 28, 1923.

Mr. B. W. Sinclair,
1040 First Street,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Sinclair:

Mr. W. C. Smith, the county engineer in charge of the road work on the Gila Bend - Casa Grande road, writes that the work is progressing in good shape, which means that any money San Diego citizens are donating for the good of the cause must be sent to Arizona at once.

Mr. Fletcher promised that he would raise \$1,000 or \$1,500 in San Diego, and inasmuch as this road will divert much travel our way and will rebound to the benefit of San Diego City, he felt sure he would meet with prompt response to his request.

Ex-Governor Campbell of Arizona went over this road on his way back to Phoenix, and writes that he was surprised to see with what ease a good passable road could be constructed.

If you have already sent your check to Mr. Clement direct, will you please telephone to this office that we may keep a record of same? If not, we would like to have a check payable for whatever amount you can give for this work, to Mr. W. C. Clement, treasurer, that we may send it to him promptly.

Thanking you, we are

Yours sincerely,
ED FLETCHER COMPANY

By

KLM

P. S. Mr. Fletcher is still in the East, and we are writing this in his absence for the reason that it is necessary that the money be raised as quickly as possible.

KLM

Our activities in helping Southern Arizona get a highway direct to Yuma have borne wonderful results. We have many friends and the San Diego & Arizona Railroad is getting a tremendous benefit on account of the friendliness of Southern Arizona toward San Diego.

This money must be raised immediately. We propose to have the work completed in 90 days and I hope to have a check from you by return mail for whatever you can afford to give, made payable to J. E. Franklin, President of the Yuma National Bank, who is custodian of the funds.

With the completion of a good passable road San Diego to El Paso, my highway work is completed.

I want to thank you for the hearty cooperation I have received from you in the past. Our work is bearing fruit. Nearly 100 machines a day are coming thru Yuma now to El Centro. With the work completed you will soon see three to five hundred machines a day coming thru Yuma to the coast. This is the number of machines that are now coming thru Needles and by Barstow. The Chamber of Commerce should immediately take steps to put up proper signs at advantageous points between Holtville and Phoenix and all the way to El Paso, telling of the advantages of San Diego.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation,

I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KIM

B. W. SINCLAIR
700 TIMKEN BUILDING
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
PHONE 643-33

October 1, 1923.

Ed. Fletcher Company,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

I have received a couple of letters from you in regard to the road between Gila Bend and Casa Grande, and, as I told you personally one day after receiving your first letter, we have already donated \$200.00 toward the temporary work on the Yuma Reservation, figuring that the Chamber of Commerce would return this amount to us, but we have been informed that they have no funds with which to do this. Therefore, I feel that we have done our share in this matter. We advanced this money for the Chamber, and, had we not done this, we would be glad to come in on this last proposition.

Trusting this will explain the matter satisfactorily to you, I am

Yours respectfully,

B. W. Sinclair

BWS:ER

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SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

April 11th, 1929

Mr. B. W. Sinclair,
2345 Union,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

Inclosed herewith please find consent in the matter of the purchase of ten additional acres of land by the Yuma Mesa Grapefruit Company. I had signed this some time ago but through inadvertence had overlooked mailing it to you.

Very truly yours,

WRIGHT & MCKEE,

By *Leroy A. Wright*
Leroy A. Wright

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4/12-29
Dear Col
Please sign the enclosed agreement
and forward to Mr. Gunters
and obly
B. W. Sinclair
Completed 4/16/29

E. W. BLAIR

Ed Fletcher Company,
San Diego, California.

W. W. BLAIR
San Diego, California

B.W. SINCLAIR INVESTMENT CO.
INCORPORATED
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SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

July 29, 1929

Colonel Ed. Fletcher,
c/o Ed. Fletcher & Company,
1024 - 9th Street,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Colonel:

As per our conversation of recent date, relative to the selling of my lemon and orange orchard known as Lot 7, Lakeside Heights, will state that if you send me the name of a prospect which I later sell the ranch to, I shall be pleased to pay you the regular 5% commission for the sale of same.

I am handing you herewith photographs of the ranch, together with a write-up of the Los Angeles Times, also one of the San Diego Union and correspondence relative to this ranch.

I shall certainly appreciate an early effort on your part to dispose of same.

Sincerely yours,

B.W. Sinclair

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September Tenth,
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Mr. B. W. Sinclair,
2469 Fifth Ave.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Sinclair:

Enclosed find data re your Ranch.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

Ed Fletcher Papers

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