

January 18th,  
1929

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Raber:

I had a tenant by the name of Hartman at Solana Inn at Solana Beach who blew up completely owing three or four thousand dollars to the different business men in Solana Beach and some of them in San Diego. He stuck me for a thousand dollars.

Everything has been turned over to the creditors.

Hartman had bought from your Oceanside office a waffle iron costing \$73.50 and had paid all but \$10. I sent up a check to the Oceanside office to pay for the waffle iron.

He had a contract to pay \$148 for a griddle iron on which he paid \$29.50. It was not anything that the Inn needed and was not fitted for the business. What we need in exchange is a different kind of a griddle iron that can be bought for \$60 or \$70.

I authorized your Oceanside agent to take back the griddle iron. It has only been in four or five months, as I understand it. I have never seen the contract.

I have now taken over the management of the Inn, put in my own manager and will pay cash for a small and much more economical size griddle iron. Would you kindly authorize your Oceanside representative to adjust this matter amicably.

Why I write is because I have received a telephone call from your Oceanside office saying that they were going to take out both the waffle iron and griddle iron if not paid for this afternoon. I believe there must be some mistake in the matter.

I have sent a check to pay in full for the waffle iron and would like to make some equitable arrangement

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in the matter of the griddle iron that is fair to all parties in interest.

Please keep in mind that the creditors are going to lose three or four thousand dollars in this deal and we are trying to get out the best way we can.

I am sure you will play the game.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK  
Dictated  
1/17/29

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company

Electric Building

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



FILE NO:

January 21, 1929

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego

My dear Colonel:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 18 regarding the electrical equipment at Solana Beach Hotel. Mr. Holloway is out of the city and I am not familiar with all the conditions of the sale but will make further inquiry and advise you later.

I believe you advised our Mr. Ruffin that if the equipment were not disturbed you would guarantee the payment of the balance; this seems to be at variance with your present proposition.

However, you will hear from me later.

Yours very truly,

Vice President and General Manager

WFR:NWM

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company

Electric Building

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



FILE NO: 361.2

January 23, 1929

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego

My dear Colonel:-

In further reply to your letter of January 18 I have instructed the Oceanside Office to accept your check for \$10 and leave the waffle iron but to remove the electric griddle from the Solana Inn. It will not be possible, however, for us to make you any allowance on the griddle for the reason that there has only been a small payment made and we will probably have to sell the griddle as secondhand apparatus at a considerable loss.

I believe, however, that you could well afford to keep the griddle inasmuch as you are getting a \$73.00 article for \$10.00 in the one case. In other words, if you assume both contracts, you would be getting \$221.50 worth of merchandise for \$128.40. I believe, in your own language, this would be "playing the game" fairly.

Yours very truly,

Vice President and General Manager

WFR:NWM

January 26th, 1929.

Attention Mr. W. F. Rabar

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Rabar:

Answering yours of January 21st, I have looked up my correspondence and find that Mr. Ruffin is correct.

Since then, however, Mr. Walter has made a new arrangement with your Oceanside office, all as per copy of letter herewith attached, and which I hope is satisfactory to you. If not, please let me know.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ruffin.

If you insist upon my living up to the original agreement I will do so. I had entirely forgotten that I had written Mr. Ruffin.

Thanking you for your indulgence in this matter.

Yours very truly,

WFR:GIF

February 1st,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find the semi-annual report of the Manager  
of the Broadway of America that I am sure will be of  
interest.

I hope you will give the time to read it.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

February 8th, 1929.

Attention W. F. Raber:

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company  
Electric Building,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find map of Avocado Acres #1 showing the  
new house that has lately been built on Lot 21,  
Block 1. You are furnishing electricity to Lot 27,  
Block 1. The Telephone Company has just installed  
three telephone poles between the two points and  
telephone service is now being furnished my house on  
Lot 21. I understand that you will be allowed to  
put your power line on the three telephone poles.  
Will you please extend the service to Lot 21? I  
will sign for the electricity. All you have to do is pay  
for the wiring and installation.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company

Electric Building

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



FILE NO: 312.21

February 12, 1929

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 Ninth St.,  
San Diego

My dear Colonel:-

I am in receipt of your letter of February 8 concerning extension to Lot 21, Block 1, Avocado Acres. I am advised that your house can be reached by the joint use of telephone poles with but a very small amount of over-run and I am also advised that the department is taking care of your request and have arranged to serve the over-run.

Yours very truly,

Vice President and General Manager

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February 18th, 1929.

Attention Mr. W. F. Raber

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company  
Electric Building,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:-

Your File 312.21

I wish to acknowledge and to thank you for your letter of February 12th concerning extension to Lot 21, Block 1, Avocado Acres. This is very much appreciated.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF

February 28th,  
1929

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of telegram from Mr. Rawling  
Chairman of the Ponce de Leon Celebration of the Old  
Spanish Trail Association, also copy of their bulletin  
and copy of my letter, all of which is for your  
information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

March seventh, 1929.

Mr. W. F. Raber  
c/o San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Raber—

I am enclosing copy of the publication issued by the  
Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, which I am sure  
will interest you.

I have requested them to send you a copy each  
month hereafter.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

March 7th,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. Wm. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Company,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Raber:

I appreciate what you had in the paper this morning about the St. Augustine celebration and will cooperate with you in every way.

I am tickled to pieces that you are taking a hold. It is going to be a wonderful education. Above all things pick out men on the board of directors who have never been before and make them go. I would give \$100 extra toward this campaign to see you go.

Hobson, or who ever is in charge, should get immediately in touch with Mercier, the Mayor of Calexico, with Buehman, Secretary of the Yuma Chamber of Commerce, Condron, Secretary of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, Gardner of the Tombstone Chamber of Commerce, Holt of Lordsburgh, the Broadway of America, Mr. Birney President of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce and President of the Broadway of America as well as with the Chamber of Commerce at Socorro, Bisbee, Phoenix, Yuma, Chandler, Case Grande, Gila Bend, El Centro, Holtville, and Brawley, also Jacumba, El Cajon, La Mesa, and fire telegrams to them at once and get them all worked up and enthusiastic stating the date of leaving.

I am enclosing copy of my trip from St. Augustine home that will give you some idea but that time is too fast. I will be glad to help Hobson making up the program but I think the full responsibility from El Paso on should be put on Herral Ayres, Secretary of the Old Spanish Trail. Ask him to immediately give a program as to where you are going to stay each night and the mileage each day and let me check up on him with you.

You are going to get a royal reception, particularly in New Orleans, Beaumont, San Antonio, Houston, Mobile and Pensacola also Jacksonville.

It is only a day's run from St. Augustine to Savannah.

By the map you will see it is U. S. Highway No. 80 from Savannah Georgia to San Diego. That is going to be the shortest and easiest road across the continent east to west.

I have a great many personal acquaintances on this route. Have Hobson see me and I will put him in touch with them all and will help you make up the itinerary.

You will be more than welcomed on U. S. Highway No. 80 known as the Dixie overland Highway. Shreveport will go wild. They chased us clear to Memphis in order to get us to come down there and treated us royally after the Broadway of America meeting.

You may be surprised to know that it is no further to come over U. S. Highway No. 80 from St. Augustine to Savannah and Savannah to San Diego than it is to go over the Old Spanish Trail. The distance is practically the same and you open up an entirely new field.

I had all my signs read "U. S. Highway No. 80, Dixie Overland Highway from San Diego to Savannah Georgia. At Savannah Georgia I changed the signs to read "Old Spanish Trail and arrived in St. Augustine with a welcome.

You should be prepared to do likewise. It is a very simple matter to change all the signs.

You come back through Columbus, Montgomery, Meridian, Jackson, Vicksburgh, Shreveport, Dallas and all of those eastern Texas towns, Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, and Midland.

You may be there in time to come over the new five million dollar bridge at Vicksburgh.

Good luck to you!

I have sent a copy of this to Mr. Hobson.

Yours truly,

March Eleventh,  
1929

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Herral Ayres,  
Managing Director of the Old Spanish Trail Association  
that is explanatory.

Yours truly,

EF:AK



March Eleventh,  
1929

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

If neither you or Mr. Hotchkiss can go I would, by  
all means recommend, L. D. Blodgett, of the Richfield  
Oil Company, as the man who can take the lead and  
put this motorcade over right.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

March 15th, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Raber  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:—

Enclosed find copies of my letters of this date to  
Russell H. Miles and Hal Hobson, all for your  
information.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

March Nineteenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif,

My dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find letters on national highway work that  
may be of interest.

Please turn over to Miles and Hobson.

I don't know what has been wired to everybody along  
the line but my name seems to have been used and they are  
all writing to me.

I am certainly going to do everything I can to help  
make the motorcade a success.

Yours truly,

EF:AK  
ENCL.

March Nineteenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of telegram I have sent Mr. Chandler  
that is explanatory and may be of interest.

I am pleased to see the way things are taking hold.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

March 22nd, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Raber  
Electric Building,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find clippings that were forwarded to  
regarding the motorcade.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

April Fifth,  
1929

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego California Club,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find letter that I have received from Mercier  
who is Mayor of Calexico also chairman of the Chamber  
of Commerce road committee all of which is explanatory.

Time and again, in fact never did Calexico fail to  
put up its share of money in our national highway  
fight the last fifteen years. They raised \$4,000  
toward the cost of the Yuma bridge.

This is the first time they have ever made an appeal  
to us for money.

They have carried a heavy burden to bring a road  
into Calexico and Mexicali and through to Seely which  
is a direct road to San Diego.

If they can get the eastern traffic to Calexico  
as they propose to do it means a cinch for San Diego.

The map at the bottom of the page shows the road  
already built from Mexicali to Seely. I was over  
it a week ago last Sunday.

Calexico is fighting our battles all the time.

I am asking the San Diego California Club to give \$250  
towards this \$3,000 fund. If you can't give \$250 at  
least give \$150. I am asking the San Diego Chamber  
of Commerce to do the same.

Nothing will do so much good as to send this money  
over there. I am asking the bank to give \$500.

The idea is to raise this among fifteen or twenty of us and send it over there in a lump sum and just give the names of the donors without the amounts.

I hope I can get a reply from you very shortly that the San Diego California Club will do its part and that I may be authorized to say that the San Diego California Club approves of this good work.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Hal Hotchkiss of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

I shall personally give a liberal amount to this fund.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

P. S. Calexico sent Mayor Mercier and three others to Memphis at their own expense.

E.F.

April 22nd, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Raber  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

Friend Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letter from A. H. Gardner of Tombstone, Arizona to H. L. Birney, which kindly return. You better study the map. You will get a kick out of this.

I am sending a little paper map. On the reverse side should be distances, oil, gas, hotels, etc. 100,000 of these should be distributed each year on different routes. Perhaps something a little better should be gotten out. Everyone along the route will pay. It will not cost much to get it printed and distributed.

Ten years ago I urged the building of a road from Ajo to Yuma County to connect up near Mohawk or Stovall. They agreed to it. The bonds were voted and then Phoenix weaned them away and got them to spend the money for other purposes. It shortens the distance 100 and some odd miles to come by Tucson to Ajo to Yuma.

I have written the Chamber of Commerce at Yuma again on this subject and hope to get some results pretty soon.

I got \$500 out of the banks toward the \$3000 fund to help out Calexico. They certainly have been good friends of ours from the beginning in Calexico and on the motorcade to Memphis they sent their mayor, president of their Chamber of Commerce and an automobile, all at their own expense. Enclosed find their letter.

It is better that the San Diego California Club and the Chamber of Commerce, as an organization, do not give toward this fund for many reasons, but I am going to collect the money from individuals and hope you will send

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me at least \$250 or \$300 to help out the good cause.  
I expect to get that much from Marston. Anything that  
you can do will be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

April 25rd, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Raber  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find clippings that may be of interest.

When you are thru with them, kindly send to Hotchkiss,  
please.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encls.

April Twenty-third,  
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Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Ayres and copy of my reply  
all for your information. Kindly return Mr. Ayres  
letter at your convenience.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

May Sixth,  
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Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Friend Raber:

Enclosed find a little map which carries out my idea  
exactly, only on the other side should be printed  
distances to oil, gas, water, towns and hotels.

One route would be the Broadway of America. My  
idea would be to distribute a hundred thousand of  
the Broadway of America, - San Diego to New York -  
another hundred thousand San Diego to Savannah, Georgia -  
the Dixie Overland Highway, U. S. Highway No. 80;  
another hundred thousand of San Diego to St. Augustine  
over the Old Spanish Trail.

These routes could be shown with heavy lines and  
show each one separately, depending upon which route it  
is.

Every one joining together, the expense would be slight  
and it would simply be a matter of distribution.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

June Twenty-fifth,  
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Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letter that may be of interest.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

June Twenty-seventh,  
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Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Friend Raber:

Enclosed find clippings that may be of interest showing  
that we are making head way in Arizona.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

June Twenty-eighth,  
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Mr. W. F. Raber  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr. A. H. Gardner,  
one of the State Highway Commissioners of Arizona.

Another good friend and member of the State Highway  
Commission of Arizona is Monto Mansfeld of Tucson.

I hope that you can all work together for the  
common good.

I could have given some advice if I had been consulted  
before those maps were printed.

Our only friends who are plugging for us all the time  
are U. S. No. 80, excepting Phoenix. Tucson,  
Douglas, Bisbee, and Yuma can always be counted on to  
play ball with us.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

July Fifth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
San Diego Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find letter from Gardner that is explanatory.

I don't know what it is all about but these people  
control southern Arizona highway matters and I hope  
there is going to be no trouble.

You may use this letter as you see fit among our  
own crowd here.

I have answered Gardner's letter and asked him to  
keep me posted. I really don't know what to do about  
it. Kindly return Gardner's letter at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK



August Ninth,  
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Mr. W. F. Raber,  
S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find letter from the President of the Broadway  
of America and my answer in reply for your information.

Also enclosed find letter from Mr. George Kilroy.  
Will you kindly take this matter up with him direct.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

August Twenty-first,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find letter from Hobson and copy of my  
answer in reply.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

August Twenty-second,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letter to Mayor Clark that  
is explanatory and for your information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

August Twenty-sixth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber;

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Buchman of the  
Yuma Chamber of Commerce for your information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

September 6th, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Baber  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

My dear Baber:

Enclosed find letter from Birney and statement  
that are explanatory. How would you advise me to  
answer? Please return the enclosures.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

September 11th, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Baber  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Baber:

Enclosed find copy of letter from A. H. Condon,  
Secretary of the Tucson Chamber of Commerce, for  
your information.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

September Eleventh,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
c/o S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find Lee Highway literature.

Where they are getting their money is more than  
I know. Certainly it is good advertising for us.

Please deliver to Hal Hobson after reading.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company

Electric Building

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



September 12, 1929

Col. Ed. Fletcher,  
1020 - 9th Street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Colonel:

In answer to your letter of the 6th, I am returning the enclosures referred to.

You have asked me as to how you should answer. The Club has just closed its fiscal year and we are re-organizing for the coming year. If you do not already know it, I want to mention the fact that we failed to get our appropriation from the City for the coming year. This cuts off some \$10,000 from our funds. We were counting upon getting this appropriation. Without some assistance from the City it is going to be difficult to raise enough money to do our regular, routine work, which as you know was well organized last year, and we believe was effectively executed. Personally, I do not see how we can make large contributions and run motorcades and entertain motorcades. Our highway funds will all be exhausted and more, after we entertain the Florida crowd in October. I doubt that we can organize a large motorcade for the Broadway of America this year. If a substantial contribution is to be made to the Broadway of America Association I am inclined to believe that it will have to be raised outside of the Club. Perhaps it can be done just by a few fellows such as yourself and some of those public spirited men that always support you. I would be willing to make an additional contribution. However, Mr. Birney would have to be satisfied with a small amount.

Now, Colonel, all of this may not sound very good to a man who is usually as optimistic as you are, but the funds raised by our Club are limited and we are called upon to do a big job. In other words, we are trying to do a \$100,000 job for \$40,000. Hence, I have got to sit on the lid at times at the risk of being called pessimistic and a conservative. However, I will say that we are not leaving a big deficit this year to pass on to the new Board.

SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED GAS &amp; ELECTRIC COMPANY

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On behalf of the Club I want to again express to you our appreciation for the assistance that you have rendered our Highway Committee during the past year, and I trust that we may continue to count on you for the coming year.

Very truly yours,

*W.F. Raber* ✓

WFR/A  
Enc.

*Am going to S. Q. tomorrow but  
will arrange to take the trip  
some day next week*

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September Sixteenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
S. D. Cons, Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letter from President Birney to Hobson that is explanatory.

Life is too short for me to worry about these things but there is no mistake in the meaning that the western terminus of the Broadway of America next year will be in Los Angeles, in my opinion, after the Hot Springs convention.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

September 25, 1929.

Mr. W. F. Raber, Manager,  
San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find easements, duly signed,  
as per your request.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

October 9th, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Raber  
Electric Building  
San Diego, California.

My dear Raber:

Enclosed find article from the New Mexico Highway  
Journal that may be of interest. I suggest you  
turn it over to Hobson.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF  
Encl.

San Diego Consolidated Gas and Electric Company

Electric Building

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.



FILE NO: 314.4

October 11, 1929

Mr. Ed Fletcher, President  
Grossmont Park Company  
San Diego

My dear Colonel:-

In response to your letter of October 9 we will assume full responsibility for the return of the equipment and protect you against any loss.

As stated to you over the telephone this generator is to be used in the Stadium in celebration of Light's Golden Jubilee in honor of Thomas Edison, and is part of a program that is nation-wide. Many organizations and individuals are taking part who are in no way connected with the electrical industry. Admission to the Stadium will be free on this occasion and no one is paid for any service other than just out of pocket expense. Our company will not be reimbursed for anything we can do or furnish either in the way of labor, material or supplies.

I appreciate your cooperation and thank you.

Yours very truly,

Vice President and General Manager

WFR:NDM

October Twenty-second,  
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Mr. W. F. Raber,  
S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Raber:

The Community Chest situation is desparate. Mrs. Fletcher and I have given the very best that is in us for the last three weeks and as you know I have been giving part of my time the last two months.

The organization has disbanded with only a few individuals still working but we are \$16,000 behind with eight or nine thousand in sight and possibly ten but that is problematical.

Miss Scripps has increased her subscription a thousand raising her subscription from \$5000 to \$6000. Mrs. Bridges a thousand, from \$2000 to \$3000; Colonel Copley a thousand, from \$2,000 to \$3000. The banks have given \$18,000, the same as last year. Mr. Marston has agreed to give the last \$500 although he has already given \$12,000 through the company and individually and something like \$4000 more from the employees.

I am pretty near wrecked working on this work but unless the money is raised this week we are going to fail.

Can you increase your subscription from \$7200 to \$7800?

I have nothing to turn in today so far and need to make a showing.

I hope you will telephone me on receipt of this and do the best you can for us. It will certainly always be remembered and considered a personal favor to me as well as an inspiration to the Chest workers.

What do you think of publishing the names of those

who have given and the amounts? Your concern would show up fine but I would like to show up a lot of them. The San Diego Hotel and Sam Porter, for instance who only gave \$150; Senator Wright and McKee who gave \$200 between them; Irwin & Company who gave \$25 and a few of these so-called rich men, but I guess it is better to forget it.

Thanking you again for your most kindly interest in the Chest as well as your time and money, I am

Sincerely your friend,

EF:AK

P. S. I am enclosing cards. You may be able to get one or two other subscriptions for us.

E.F.

October Twenty-fifth,  
1 9 2 9

S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego,  
California.

Attention Mr. W. F. Raber

Dear Mr. Raber:

I would appreciate anything you can do to help Mr. Moyer clear the title to his property as stated in your findings pertaining to your surveys and feasibility of a power project on Boulder Creek.

If you are no longer interested out of courtesy to Mr. Moyer I hope a letter from you will be forthcoming in relation thereto that you have no further interest in the proposition.

Yours very truly.

EF:AK



November Fifteenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
c/o S. D. Cons. Gas & Elec. Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find clipping that is explanatory.

My suggestion is that you go slow about cooperating any more with Herral Ayres as there is a wide sentiment about eliminating him and I have written to others along the highway to see if this is not a move to block a reorganization of the old Spanish Trail organization with the elimination of Ayres.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

December Fifth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
c/o S. D. Cons. Gas & Elec. Co.,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Raber:

I hope you will please write me a letter and send to me along the lines of the suggestion herewith attached.

It is life or death with the Club and it will be deeply appreciated by me personally.

There is danger of our not making the \$125,000 goal. As yet we have only sold eleven out of the twenty-six life memberships. We have to have the absolute assurance of \$125,000 before the tenth of December.

Once we have gone over this much we are going at it in a systematic way and will carry on the campaign on the sale of out of town memberships corporate and associate memberships until we have put ourselves in an impregnable position for the future. We have a splendid man in charge of the organization.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AK

December Fifth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
c/o S. D. Cons. Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Friend Raber:

Tucson has been so loyal to us at all times I hope you can scrape up at least \$200 to help them out to show them our Friendship. Enclosed find copy of letter from Condron that is explanatory.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

December Seventh,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
c/o S. D. Cons Gas & Electric Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Friend Raber:

You don't know how bitterly disappointed I was to get your letter of the sixth at this critical moment.

It has been an almost superhuman effort we have made and almost succeeded but I have been attending the meetings every day and owing to taxes and money conditions with slack business and lack of time on the part of the members the goal is not going to be reached next Tuesday, in my opinion.

You are the first man I have told this to.

I am writing once more to plead with you that if you can't temporarily finance \$5000 worth of memberships in the form of a loan can you not buy \$5000 of our bonds or better still can you not let us have gas, electricity and steam to the extent of \$5000 and let the account run and then take pay in bonds?

Certainly you can sacrifice something to help keep this thing going as it means a splendid customer later on.

If you can't do that can't you at least sell \$5000 worth of memberships through your organization or guarantee it between now and the tenth? Some way some how, find a way.

If you don't want to put it in writing let me know by phone at least that you wont shut off our gas, electricity and steam if we don't pay our bills until

it amounts to \$5000.

I have taken \$7000 worth of bonds, White \$10,000, Marston \$5,000, every banker has bought a thousand or more and the Gas Company, who is getting a splendid account, is the only one who has done absolutely nothing as a company to help us.

I beg of you give me a ring on receipt of this letter and show us the way that the Gas Company is interested and is going to do something at this most critical moment in the history of the San Diego Athletic Club to assist us.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AK

December 9th, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Raber  
Electric Building,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letter received from the Association of Commerce of Fort Worth, Texas, for your information.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF  
Incl.

December Tenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
S. D. Cons. Gas & Elec. Co.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of telegram sent by the Bisbee Chamber of Commerce to their representatives in Congress, also copy of letter from their Secretary, Mr. Hamilton, all of which is explanatory and for your information.

Yours truly,

AK

December Eleventh,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
c/o S. D. Cons. Gas & Elec. Co.,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Raber:

I took the liberty, a short time ago, to invite the A. A. A. of America to come into San Diego.

I have had a conference with their Vice President and also another representative has made a personal investigation.

Enclosed find copy of letter from their Assistant Secretary which is explanatory, stating that the Executive Committee will soon make a decision regarding becoming established in San Diego.

I know you realize what it means to this country to have the A. A. A. of America represented in San Diego. The Automobile Club of Southern California is an outlaw and the A. A. A. is in every city, state and county except South Dakota and California.

With the power of the A. A. A. behind San Diego you can imagine what amount of business can be diverted to San Diego from the different branches of this association all over the United States.

I am writing you in confidence just to let you know that I am working on it.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AK

December Eighteenth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. F. Raber,  
c/o S. D. Cons. Gas & Elec. Co.,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find copy of letters from the El Paso  
Chamber of Commerce that are explanatory and  
for your information.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

May 18, 1938

San Diego Gas & Electric Company  
Electric Bldg.,  
San Diego, California

Attention:-Mr.Raber

My dear Mr. Raber:

Enclosed find letter from P.Dewars of Pala, that is  
explanatory.

I am glad to know that if you are interested in the  
power from Doane Valley, we will try to raise the money to  
build the dam and have the lake in the State Park with a  
splendid power drop of something like 2000 ft, I believe, for  
a small amount of water.

Please return Mr.Dewars' letter with your comments.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv  
Encl.

SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
ELECTRIC BUILDING  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



FILE NO. 352.52

May 19, 1938

Colonel Ed Fletcher  
1018 Ninth Street  
San Diego

My dear Colonel:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 18. Our Company has not taken any active interest in the Doane Valley power project for many years. Our engineers did gather considerable data on the project but we have not announced any interest in the development which Mr. Dewars mentions and this is the first information I have had regarding it.

Mr. Dewars' letter to you is herewith returned.

Yours very truly,

President

WFR:NWM  
Encl.

cc - Raeburn - West - 11/13

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SAN DIEGO CONSOLIDATED GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
ELECTRIC BUILDING  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



FILE NO. 211.1  
321.211

November 12, 1940

Colonel Ed Fletcher  
1020 Ninth Avenue  
San Diego

My dear Colonel:-

In reply to your letter of November 9 the control of San Diego Gas & Electric Company common stock is owned by Standard Gas & Electric Company and not by Byllesby & Company.

In order to comply with the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935, Standard Gas & Electric Company offered to its note and debenture holders, San Diego common stock for Standard notes. The first offer expired September 30, 1940; this date was extended to October 30 and again to November 30. They did not receive a sufficient number on this exchange to make the plan effective. In other words, the plan is not effective and Standard Gas still owns control of the common stock of the San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

Please do not get the above confused with the exchange of our new 5% preferred stock for the old 7% preferred stock and the sale of the 5% preferred stock not so exchanged. The exchange and the sale was a success and this plan was completed.

I trust this will give you the information you wish.

Yours very truly,

President

WFR:NWM

SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC COMPANY  
ELECTRIC BUILDING  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



FILE NO. 322.21

May 27, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher  
California Legislature Senate  
Sacramento, California

My dear Senator:-

Thanks for your letter of May 24 together  
with Senate Journal Page 1871.

Your action in this matter has been very  
pleasing to your friends in San Diego, in fact several  
of them spoke to me commending you for your vote.

With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W.F. Raber" with a checkmark at the end.

President

WFR:NWM  
[W.F. RABER]  
CSM

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