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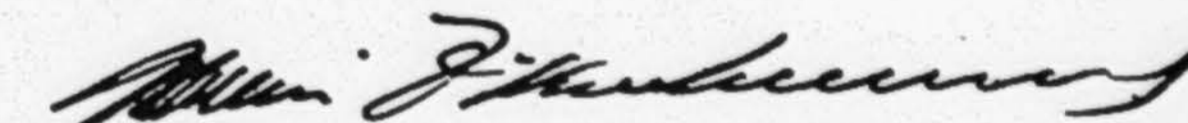
Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Supplementing previous correspondence, I am attaching a copy of a letter I have received from the Bureau of Reclamation advising that the information you have requested in connection with the Blue Creek Dam site is not available at this time; however, the investigation has been completed and the reconnaissance report is presently before the Secretary of the Interior for approval. A copy of the report will be forwarded direct to you when it is released.

I am also forwarding a copy of a letter I have received from Commissioner Myer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, referring you to Mr. James B. Ring, Area Director for California, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Sacramento, for information concerning the purchase or lease of the two Indian allotments in Humboldt County. These matters come under the jurisdiction of the Area Directors and are not referred to the Washington office.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



William F. Knowland

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

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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JUL 19 1951

Hon. William T. Knowland
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Knowland:

Reference is made to your letter of July 10, 1951, enclosing a request for information from Mr. Ed. Fletcher of San Diego, California, dated July 3, 1951, relative to construction of a dam on the Klamath River near the mouth. We also have a copy of an earlier letter from Mr. Fletcher to you dated May 2, 1951, requesting you obtain information from the Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, a copy of which was referred to this office by the Corps of Engineers as a matter which might pertain to the Bureau of Reclamation.

The Bureau of Reclamation has conducted a reconnaissance investigation to determine the practicability of diverting water from the Pacific Northwest to Southern California. In the course of this investigation, known as the United Western Investigation, the results of which have not been released, numerous dam and reservoir sites on the Lower Klamath River were considered as possibilities. However, because of the reconnaissance nature of the studies made of these reservoirs, the detailed information requested by Mr. Fletcher is not available at this time.

Our reconnaissance report is now before the Secretary of the Interior for approval and when released we shall be pleased to send a copy to your constituent, Mr. Fletcher. We are returning Mr. Fletcher's letter as requested.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) Wesley R. Nelson
Acting
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Hon. William F. Knowland

United States Senate

JUL 19 1951

My dear Senator Knowland:

By reference from the Bureau of Land Management receipt is acknowledged of your letter of June 18 with enclosures from Mr. Ed Fletcher, San Diego, California, concerning the purchase or lease of two Indian allotments in Humboldt County, California.

The allotments are described as follows:

Susie Sekeson, Klamath River allottee No. 133,
described as the S/2 SW/4, Sec. 14 Twp. 12 N., Rng 2 E.,
H. M. California, containing 80 acres.

Thomas Skaap, Klamath River allottee No. 112,
described as Lot. 9, Sec. 15 Twp. 12 N., Rng. 2 E., H. M.
California, containing 45.10 acres.

As the sale and lease of trust or restricted lands are matters that are handled in the field without reference to this office, it is suggested that Mr. Fletcher get in touch with Mr. James B. Ring, Area Director for California, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federal Building, Sacramento, California, regarding the matter.

We are sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Ring for his information. Your enclosures are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Meyer
Commissioner

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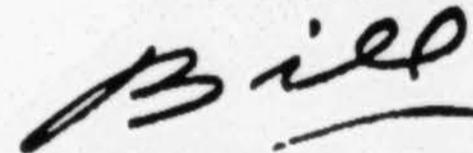
December 8, 1953

Dear Ed:

Your letter of November 13 has been received, as has the Bird of Paradise. Helen joins me in expressing our appreciation for these flowers and for your thoughtfulness in sending them.

We both join in sending our best personal regards to you and your wife and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

Sincerely yours,



William F. Knowland

Mr. Ed Fletcher
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

January 27, 1954

Senator William F. Knowland
Senate Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

If you have had a chance to read my Memoirs to the children, you will see in one chapter there where Governor Olson accused me of stealing the Cabrillo statue. You were in the Senate at the time and by unanimous vote San Diego was selected for the location of the Cabrillo statue, given California by the nation of Portugal.

Cabrillo statue is now located on the end of Point Loma, in Cabrillo National Park, and you may be surprised to know that there are more people attending the Cabrillo National Park than any other national park in the Nation, information furnished me by the National Park Service.

Mrs. Fletcher and I are going to Lisbon, Portugal next June, and the city of San Diego is authorizing me, representing the city, to present a plaque to Alvaro deBree, the sculptor, as shown in my Memoirs. I was wondering if I could not take to the President of Portugal, representing the U. S. Government, either a letter or a plaque from Washington, or a resolution through Congress, or a letter from the President calling attention to California's deep appreciation for Portugal to have given this \$50,000 statue by duBree to the State.

No formal acknowledgement has ever been made by the Federal Government, and the statue is now located on Federal property - Cabrillo National Monument. Think it over and if you have anything to suggest, I would appreciate your interest in this matter.

With kindest regards,

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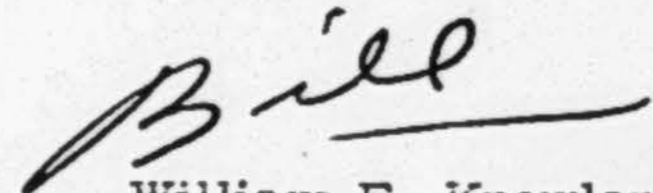
Your letter of January 27 has been received, and I am pleased to learn of the plans you and your wife have to visit Lisbon.

If you have a photograph of the Cabrillo statue handy you might send it to me, together with a brief extract of the history of the statue. Your Memoirs which you kindly sent me are in my library in California. When I have this additional information, I will be in a better position to judge whether or not such a letter as you suggest would be warranted.

However, I will personally be pleased to write a letter of introduction to our Ambassador in Lisbon at the time you make your trip.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



William F. Knowland

Mr. Ed Fletcher
Ed Fletcher Company
1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California

February 4, 1954

Dear Bill:

I hasten to reply to your letter of February 1. I am sending under separate cover another copy of my Memoirs which gives the history of the Cabrillo Statue and the compliment paid me by honorable Joao deBianchi (page 431) from pages 418 to 434. On page 418 is the picture of the sculptor deBree.

The nation of Portugal gave this statue to the United States and California, and the United States Government has never acknowledged receipt of this wonderful gift. We have several different pictures of the statue and can give you one without any individual in the picture, as shown on page 428 of my Memoirs, if you so desire.

I was hoping that I could get, if nothing more, a letter from President Eisenhower to the president of Portugal, or we could have some beautiful photographs taken of the statue now in the Cabrillo National Park. As you know, the statue is on Point Loma overlooking the ocean and bay, and we could take three or four nice photographs which could be sent either to the president of Portugal or deBree the sculptor. But, at least some recognition should be made to the government of Portugal.

The City of San Diego, through Mayor Butler, is going to send a plaque of some kind to the sculptor deBree, but I did think some acknowledgement should be made. As I will be in Lisbon on the 5th and 6th of June, I would appreciate the privilege of presenting some recognition to the president of Portugal from the Federal Government; and San Diego could present something to the sculptor.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Senator William F. Knowland
Senate Building
Washington, D. C.

March 1, 1954

Senator William F. Knowland
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

Enclosed find clipping from the San Diego Union of the 28th of February, regarding the Cabrillo Monument.

Are you making any headway in getting an appropriate letter of appreciation or something to the President of Portugal?

I am leaving on May 5th and I am going there representing the City of San Diego and I would like something from the President.

Did you read my chapter on the Cabrillo Statue? I hope you had time to do it.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

April 7, 1954

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter of March 31. - I do appreciate what you are doing in connection with the Cabrillo statue. Both the State Legislature and the City of San Diego have passed formal resolutions of appreciation which I am presenting, representing the State of California and the City of San Diego, to Premier Salazar and to the sculptor, de Bree.

Bill Jaeger writes that a movement is on to have our Ambassador to Portugal represent Washington, and that he will make all the arrangements to meet the Premier and the sculptor. That is perfectly fine! How far has the matter proceeded? I was invited to Portugal by the sculptor de Bree and was making arrangements for me to meet the Premier, but it is so much better to have it done through the Ambassador.

I am enclosing copy of Resolution as passed by the State Legislature. Joe Beek is following through in Sacramento to get the Governor's signature and seal of State.

Also, I would very much appreciate a letter of introduction from you for my trip. It came in good stead a number of times on our trip around the world, when you gave me another such letter.

I am more than proud of you and what you are doing. You have played a consistent policy, particularly in the East on the communist question, and you are sure making good as Senate Republican leader.

I am so happy and glad that your Dad is up and around again.

Will you kindly send me a telegram when the arrangements are made to have the Ambassador to Portugal at Lisbon, Mr. Guggenheim, make the arrangements for the meeting with the Premier. We have arranged to be in Lisbon on June 7 and 8. We will arrive by plane June 6 at 7:50 p.m. and will stay at the Aviz Hotel.

I would appreciate an early and favorable reply as we will certainly be highly honored to have the U. S. Government take an interest and be represented by the Ambassador.

Sincerely,

Senator William F. Knowland
Washington, D. C.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will introduce Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fletcher of San Diego, California, whom I have known for many years.

Any courtesies which may properly be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,


William F. Knowland

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