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GOODWIN J. KNIGHT
GOVERNOR



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State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO

October 30, 1953

Honorable Ed Fletcher
1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Dear Ed:

Thanks very much for your cordial
congratulatory letter which I am just now finding
time to answer. I appreciate your confidence and
good will.

It was thoughtful of you to send me a
copy of your Alaskan letter which is almost as
good as making the trip because your report is so
graphic and detailed.

With my kindest regards to Mrs. Fletcher
and all of your lovely children,

Sincerely,

Goodwin
Governor

GJK:ea

February 16, 1954

My dear Governor:

Under separate cover, I am sending you a copy of my Memoirs to the Children. It covers a lifetime of experience from the horse and buggy days to the atomic bomb, my personal contacts with five Presidents, the local water and land development and my connection with State and National highway activities. I was five years on the State Park Commission, twelve years in the State Senate, five years on the County Highway Commission and have done my part in public work, the result of which the people of San Diego put a lovely granite memorial in the public plaza in San Diego, opposite the Grant Hotel for my National highway work, etc.

I give you the above explanation for a particular reason. Mrs. Fletcher and I are going to the Mediterranean and up into the Northern countries of Europe, leaving on the 7th of May from New York by boat. We are also going to Lisbon, Portugal as well.

One of my lively incidents with Governor Olsen was in connection with the Cabrillo statue, now in the Cabrillo National Park on Point Loma. Governor Olsen accused me publicly of stealing the statue and putting it on Point Loma, where Cabrillo originally first landed in California. The statue is valued at \$50,000 and was donated by Portugal through its president, to California.

Commencing at page 418 of my Memoirs through page 431, inclusive, is a history of our experience, and I wish you would please take the time to read it. To the best of my knowledge, neither the Federal Government, the State of California or the City of San Diego have done anything in acknowledging the statue and thanking the government of Portugal, and particularly the sculptor who created the Cabrillo statue - Alv. deBree.

Mayor Butler is arranging for a suitable plaque to present to the president of Portugal, as I understand it; also a letter of appreciation to deBree the sculptor, which I am taking with me on our trip to Portugal. If nothing more, I would like a letter to the president and a letter to deBree with the seal of California to present personally, representing the State of California.

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The sculptor's address is as follows:

Escultor Alvaro deBree
Quinta do Monte S. Miguel
Barcarena, Portugal

Kindly let me know if you, as Governor of California, can write these two letters of appreciation, or you may have some other way you would like to express the appreciation of the State.

You may not be aware of it but the Cabrillo National Park on Point Loma has the largest tourist trade than any other park in the United States, bar none; and the old Spanish lighthouse and the marvelous Cabrillo statue are the centers of attraction.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Governor Goodwin J. Knight
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO

April 6, 1954

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Honorable Ed Fletcher
1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Dear Ed:

Your kindness in sending me a copy of your Memoirs is very much appreciated, and I hope you will pardon my delay in writing to thank you. I wanted to send you a personal note, and my time for correspondence is so extremely limited.

Because of my heavy schedule, I have not had an opportunity to do any extra reading for the past few months. However, just leafing through your book I have thoroughly enjoyed the fine photographs, and am eagerly looking forward to having some leisure time in which to read it. I know it must mean a great deal to your wonderful family, and I am sure that many other Californians, as well as I, must also find it fascinating from an historical standpoint.

I shall be very happy to send you the letters which you would like to present to the President of Portugal and to Mr. deBree. Since I am starting on a campaign tour today, it may be a week or so before I have an opportunity to read your history of the Cabrillo statue, but you may be sure I will do so as soon as possible and will get the letters to you in ample time for your trip.

Cordially,

Governor

GJK:wmv

AIR MAIL

April 9, 1954

My dear Goodwin:

Thanks for yours of the 6th. Enclosed find copy of the official action by the City of San Diego; also copy of the Resolution passed by the State Legislature. And, I have just been informed that plans are being made for the Ambassador to Portugal, Mr. Guggenheim, to join with me representing the U. S. Government and the National Park Service. We will meet the President and Premier and the sculptor in Portugal, June 7, in Lisbon.

Our mutual friend Joe Beek is preparing the papers in connection with the State Resolution for me to take on the trip, but I would like a personal letter from you to the President of Portugal and also a letter to the sculptor Alvaro deBree. It would do much to bring about friendly relations between our two countries.

I am leaving San Diego April 25th with Mrs. Fletcher, our daughter and grand-daughter, and we will all meet our great-grandson in Cairo, Egypt. We are also taking in the Holy Land, Greece and Turkey.

I hope you can see your way clear to take some official action and get it to me before the 25th of April. Otherwise, it will have to be forwarded to Europe.

It goes without saying that I am for you a million in your coming campaign and will contribute to your campaign, financially, if you so desire.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Honorable Goodwin Knight, Governor
State of California
Sacramento, California

GOODWIN J. KNIGHT
GOVERNOR

State of California
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO

April 13, 1954

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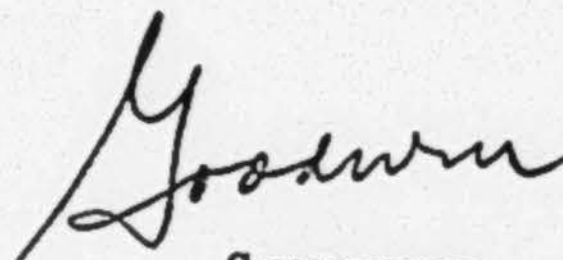
Honorable Ed Fletcher
1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Dear Ed:

The letters to the President of Portugal and Alvaro de Bree which I promised to send you are enclosed. I am glad you thought to ask for this official expression of our appreciation, and hope that you will enjoy your visit with President Lopez and Mr. de Bree.

This note also brings to you and Mrs. Fletcher my very best wishes for a wonderful trip.

Sincerely,


Governor

GJK:wmw

Enclosures



April 14, 1954

Dear Governor:

Thanks kindly for your letters to the President of Portugal, Lopes, and also to deBree, the sculptor.

It will be a pleasure to present same in person in Lisbon, and I do appreciate your kindness and courtesy in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Goodwin J. Knight
Governor
State Capitol
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