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CABRILLO CIVIC CLUBS
346 Front Street
San Francisco

January 18, 1940

Mr. J.R.DeFaria, 66 Jackson St., San Francisco, Calif.
Mr. J.L.Contente, 2533-17th St., Sacramento, Calif.
Mr. Frank Seamas, 1610 Turk St., San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I take pleasure informing you that you were appointed a committee to devise ways and means of placing the Cabrillo statue in Sacramento, rather than Oakland or San Diego.

Mr. DeFaria is chairman of the committee.

FRANCIS X.VIEIRA
Grand Secretary

cc-Mr.M.Reis
345 Front St.
San Francisco, Calif.

ED FLETCHER

SACRAMENTO

January 31, 1940

Mr. J.R.De Faria
66 Jackson Street
San Francisco, California

Re:-CABRILLO STATUE

My dear Mr.De Faria:

Through my personal friend, J.L.Contente, I am enclosing copy of legislation passed by the last Session of the Legislature of which I was the author. The State of California has recognized San Diego for the 400th Cabrillo Celebration and we are going to invite the Nations of the World, particularly Portugal, to be represented.

The question of the statue is an important one. Dr. J.C.Lopes last Friday claimed ownership and possession, stating that it came from Antonio Ferric, when, as a matter of fact, the records show that there was an import duty for a large sum of money and that same was waived by the Governor of California, accepting the statue in the name of the State. If you will take the matter up with Senator Shelley, Mayor Rossi, Harold Boyd, City Controller, you will find that San Francisco is sympathetic to San Diego having the statue.

It is logical that San Diego should have the statue from the country of Portugal for it was Cabrillo who first discovered California and San Diego, and we want to dedicate it in 1942. Arrangements have all been made for the transfer of the statue without expense by the Santa Fe Railway to San Diego, and the State will be under no expense of any kind in connection with the erection of the statue. Dr. Lopes said he paid the freight from New York to San Francisco. I have offered to refund him the money so he will be out no expense.

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Mr. J. R. DeFaria, 88 Jackson St., San Francisco, Calif.
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Mr. Frank Seamas, 1610 Turk St., San Francisco, Calif.

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cc-Mr. M. Reis
348 Front St.
San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. J. R. DeFaria:

I sincerely hope to see you before I return South, and if in San Francisco, I will certainly call on you. If by any chance you happen to be in Sacramento, do not hesitate to contact Mr. Contente and myself that we may have the opportunity to discuss this matter.

We have a very large Portuguese citizenship in San Diego, they are some of our best citizens, control the fishing industry and their 78 tuna boats now in operation go 10 or 12 miles without refueling. They are sure pioneers and have lived up to their tradition, we are proud of them as citizens and friends, and why should they not be recognized.

With kind regards, and anything that you can do in San Diego's behalf will be more than gratefully appreciated,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

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Hon. Ed Fletcher
State Senator
California Legislature
Sacramento, California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

I have for acknowledgement your kind letter of January 31st regarding the Cabrillo statue and in reply wish to assure you that the Grand Council of Cabrillo Civic Clubs is very much interested in that subject, but, so far, has had no opportunity to participate in any deliberations for the selection of the most appropriate locality where the statue might be placed.

I have just recently been appointed by our Executive Board, as Chairman of a special Committee to take up this matter with the League of Fraternal Societies of the Portuguese colony, which has had charge of the statue, and I am now awaiting to hear from them, so we may arrive at an intelligent decision.

Needless to say, I shall refer your most interesting letter to our Executive Board and I will be very happy to see you at any time you may come to San Francisco, or call on you if I should happen to go to Sacramento.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

He went to Portugal
Mrs Lewis has is
friend of Columbia
The League -
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January 3, 1941

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

My dear Senator Fletcher:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your letters of the 19th and 20th ultimo, and for the clippings from the San Diego press referring to the dedication of the site for Cabrillo's monument.

The box of avocados you sent by express was also received in due time. They were excellent and Mrs. Reis and I have enjoyed them immensely. In fact she asked me to tell you that if there is anything that she likes better than avocados it is avocados.

Sam) The photograph of the Fletcher family to which you referred in your letter of the 20th was not received. Mrs. Reis and I were quite disappointed at not receiving it because since we were not able to avail ourselves of this opportunity to meet your charming family, we should like to have their photograph, especially after hearing so many wonderful comments about them from the Consul of Portugal. By the way, I must say that the Consul was overwhelmed with your hospitality during his stay in San Diego.

Your letters have remained unanswered so long because it took me quite awhile to recover from the shock I received when you informed me that Mr. Mento, President of the Cabrillo Clubs, had not attended the dedication ceremonies as he had promised. I have not heard from him since and for that reason am unable to give you a coherent account of what happened to prevent him from making the trip. All I know is that at five o'clock in the evening of the 18th his secretary talked to me on the telephone and at that time he was supposed to have gone home to leave on the evening train for San Diego. Had I known at that time or Thursday early in the morning that he could not make the trip, I would have taken the morning plane and would have been present at the ceremonies without fail. I felt so ashamed when I read your letter giving that information that I could hardly believe what I was reading! All I can say is that I am terribly sorry and hope you will accept my apology for the unfortunate occurrence.

From Sacramento I have received the addresses of all the members of the Legislature, which were sent at your request

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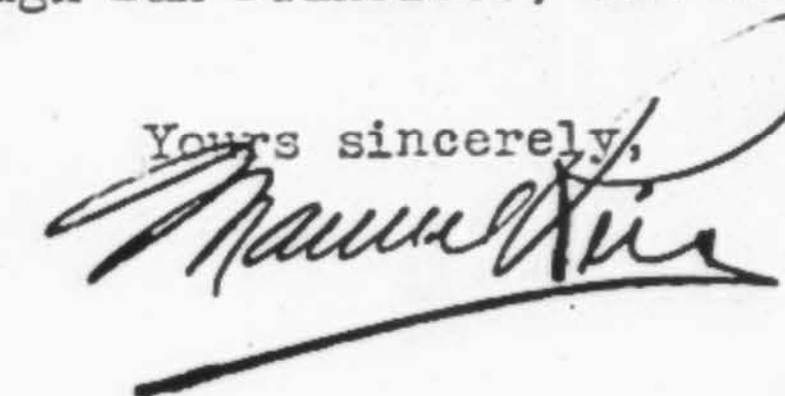
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We are having a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cabrillo Clubs on January 12th and at that time a resolution will be adopted endorsing the San Diego site for the statue and after that letters will be sent to all members of the Legislature requesting their endorsement of that site. I have discussed the matter with most of the Directors and they are all heartily in favor of the resolution.

Hoping to have the opportunity of seeing you the next time you may come through San Francisco, and with kindest regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



P.S.-Mr. Joseph Mento's address is:

Capitol National Bank Bldg.
Sacramento, California

or

P.O.Box 2262

Sacramento, California
January 8, 1941

Mr. Manuel Reis
345 Front Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Manuel:

Your letter of January 3rd was forwarded to me here. I am enclosing pictures as promised. Mr. Mento wrote me that he would come to San Diego, but he did not arrive until after the ceremony. I sent him all the clippings and wrote him that I would pay his expenses, but have not heard from him so will take the matter up with him personally in Sacramento.

My address here will be box 53, State Capitol, Sacramento, during the month of January while we are in session. I think your plan is a splendid one, the proposed action of the board of directors of the Cabrillo Clubs, and it is very important that letters be sent to each member of the legislature stressing the necessity of the Cabrillo monument staying in San Diego. I will be glad to contribute my share toward the cost of this. I hope the letters will be sent within the next two or three weeks, even though only copies are sent.

I surely will look you up the next time I am in San Francisco. I had intended coming to San Francisco last week but was forced to attend a committee meeting here and had to pass up a visit with my son and daughter-in-law, who live in Piedmont.

By the way, he is now deputy attorney general under Earl Warren, our attorney general, and if you want any advice from him at any time, don't hesitate to go to him and tell him you are a friend of mine. I am sending him a copy of this letter. He is in the State Building, San Francisco Attorney General's office.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:MH

ED FLETCHER

cc. to Lawrence Fletcher

CABRILLO CIVIC CLUB

OF SAN FRANCISCO

345 Front Street
SAN FRANCISCO



January 16, 1941

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FINANCIAL SECRETARY
727 18th Ave.

Hon. Ed Fletcher
Box 53
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

My dear Senator Fletcher:

Mrs. Reis joins me in thanking you for the photographs of your family, received with your letter of the 8th instant. We both think you have the most splendid family and will always keep the photographs as a priceless token of our friendship.

The Board of the Grand Council of Cabrillo Civic Clubs, Inc., had a meeting last Saturday and voted to send a letter to every member of the Legislature urging them to support your bill for the retention of the Statue of Cabillo in San Diego. The letters have not been sent because our secretary would like to have you advise us as to the proper time to send them. In other words, if the bill is not to be considered at this session, we feel that the letter might prove more effective if sent only when the bill is to be approved, therefore we would like to hear from you before any step is taken in that regard.

Mr. Mento, our new President, explained to us the reason why he arrived in San Diego so late on the day of the dedication ceremonies, I understand that you have been in touch with him and already know all about it, therefore I shall abstain from any further explanation. All the members of the Board feel very indebted to you for what you have done for the Club and voted to have an official communication sent to you to that effect. They appreciated your offer to pay the expenses of Mr. Mento's trip to San Diego, but declined it and ordered the payment from our treasury.

The new officers of the Cabrillo Civic Club of San Francisco are being installed at a banquet to be held on February 1, 1941, at 7:30 PM, at the Western Women's Club, 609 Sutter Street, San Francisco, and I would feel greatly honored if you could be with us as my guest. If you should be able to attend, kindly let me know at your convenience.

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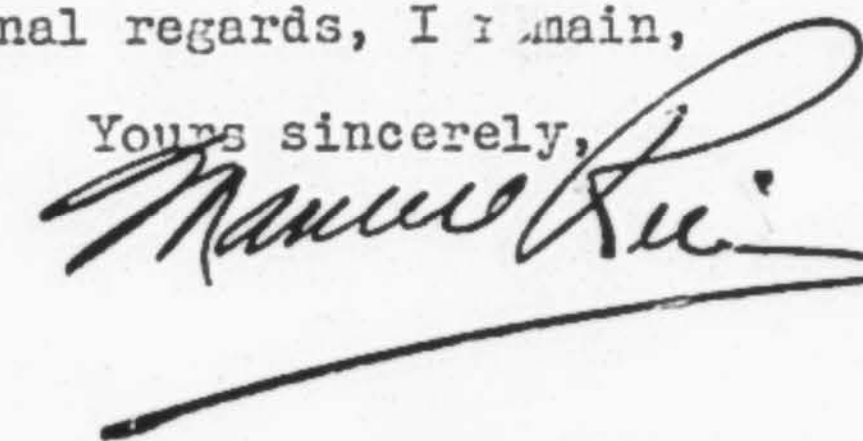
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I appreciated beyond words your introduction to your son Lawrence, and intend to call on him at the earliest possible date.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,



Sacramento, California
January 17, 1941

Mr. Manuel Reis
345 Front Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Manuel:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th and the information therein contained. I agree with you, let sleeping dogs lie, and let us see what bills are introduced if any, pertaining to the Cabrillo statute. If the opposition tries to put through an emergency measure you must be ready to act quickly and I will notify you. I have it from the Secretary of the state park commission that it is a dead issue and the question will not be brought up again. Will keep you posted.

I had a nice visit with Mr. Mento, He is a fine chap and I enjoyed him very much. We are going to work together one hundred per cent here.

Thanks for your kind invitation to attend the banquet on February first. If it were possible for me to be there I would, but the Legislature adjourns next week and I will have to decline with regret, for my business needs me in San Diego.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

ED FLETCHER

EF:ME

EMERSON W. READ
JOSEPH W. MENTO
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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

January 18th, 1941

Hon. Ed. Fletcher
State Senator
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

Please accept my thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending me the permanent pass to the Senate, which I believe was very gracious of you. I also received the copy of the Senate Journal, for which I am very grateful. I cannot express my gratitude sufficiently for your extreme thoughtfulness in ordering for us the avocados and lemons. I assure you that they will certainly be greatly appreciated as we are very fond of them. I will also pass on the word to Mr. Read as to how to get by with the sweetening of the lemon as suggested by you, "by appealing to Allah to make it sweet".

I was hoping to have you with us for dinner within the next day or two, but inasmuch as Mrs. Mento has taken ill within the last couple of days with the influenza, it will probably be a few days more before she will be back on her feet, but we certainly are looking forward to a few happy hours with you and Mrs. Fletcher at our home in the very near future.

I just received word from the Grand Secretary that the new stationery would be out during the first part of next week. I want to write you the letter that I promised, but want it to be written on the official stationery of the Club. As soon as the stationery arrives, I will attend to this at once.

Again thanking you for the courtesies that you have extended the writer and the Club, and with kindest personal thanks,
I am

Sincerely yours,


Joseph W. Mento

JWM:DW

P. S. Could you send me one more copy of the Daily Senate Journal of January 14th, as I would like to forward one copy to the Club Headquarters.

Sacramento, California
March 12, 1941

Mr. Joseph Mento
Capitol National Bank Building
Sacramento, California

My dear Joe:

I want to thank you for the privilege of meeting with your boys last night and I enjoyed it very much indeed. I suggest the following letter be written to:

Hon. Charles Lyon, Chairman
Rules Committee
Assembly Chambers
Sacramento, California

My dear Mr. Lyons:

As President of the Cabrillo Civic Clubs in California, in number and composed of Portuguese decent, I wish you to know that the entire state organization is opposed to Assembly Bill 2525, introduced by Sheridan and Dickey and referred to your committee, which asks for the transfer of ~~the statue of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo to the City of San Francisco.~~ The statue is now in San Diego. The site was dedicated by the Portuguese Counsel, E. G. da Costa on December 19 last, in San Diego where Cabrillo first discovered California. It has the approval of the Portuguese Minister in Washington, and the Senate of California have unanimously approved its location in San Diego. The statue itself will be unveiled in 1942 to celebrate the Four Hundredth Anniversary of the discovery of California by Cabrillo.

The State of California through its Legislature has officially selected San Diego where the Four Hundredth Anniversary will be celebrated.

We beg of you to kill this bill in committee, but if the bill is coming up for hearing we would like two weeks

Sacramento, California
March 13, 1941

Mr. Manuel Reis
345 Front Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Manuel:

I attended the Cabrillo Civic Club meeting last night and got a splendid reception.

I am enclosing copy of Assembly Bill 2525. Mr. Mento is working one hundred per cent with me and I am sure the club will as well. A letter of protest to every member of the Senate and the Assembly will be appreciated.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

ED FLETCHER

EF:MH

Sacramento, California
March 22, 1941

Mr. Joseph W. Mento
Capitol National Bank Building
Sacramento, California

My dear Joe:

Answering yours of the 21st, will say the letter to the committee regarding the Cabrillo monument is right to the point and splendid.

Mrs. Fletcher and I will be glad to accept your invitation on the 29th. I know the Warden personally. What time do we leave?

Thanking you kindly for your invitation and looking forward with pleasure,

Very sincerely yours,

ED FLETCHER

EP:MH

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LAW OFFICES
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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

April 10th, 1941

Hon. Ed. Fletcher
State Seantor
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

My dear Colonel:

I am returning herewith the letters from the school children which were surely interesting to read, as well as to know how much the people of San Diego appreciate the fact that the monument is located there. I think it will be a fine showing to be introduced when the Bill is presented.

You certainly have done a lot of work and interested a lot of people in that affair and I am certain that with all the work and diligence that you have shown that the Bill will never get through. I truly hope that it never does as I am of the belief that San Diego is the proper place for it.

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Fletcher, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ed Fletcher

JWM:DW
Enclosures

Sacramento, California
April 22, 1941

Mr. Joseph Mento
Capitol National Bank Building
Sacramento, California

My dear Joe:

Enclosed find copy of letter
from the Portuguese Council that I promised
you, regarding the Cabrillo statue.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

ED FLETCHER

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Ed Fletcher Papers

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General Correspondence - Cabrillo Civic Clubs (statewide)



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