

Cabrillo Statue

November 15, 1939

Honorable Angelo J. Rossi
Mayor of San Francisco
San Francisco, California

My dear Friend:

I had assurances that the Cabrillo statue on Treasure Island was originally intended and promised for San Diego. San Diego was the first point of discovery and is the logical place for the statue's permanent location.

We have been expecting the statue and now understand there is a movement on foot to keep it in San Francisco. You are in an embarrassing situation. It certainly would be a splendid gesture, and San Diego will more than appreciate it, if you can see your way clear to assist us in securing the Cabrillo statue for us. Anything that you can do, will be gratefully appreciated, or any suggestions.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

ED FLETCHER

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cc-Jos. Dryer

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CHAIRMAN OF SANFRANCISCO REGIONAL SERVICE COMMITTEE HAS ADVISED ME THAT YOU HAVE ADDRESSED A LETTER UNDER DATE OF NOVEMBER 15TH CONCERNING CABRILLO STATUE. I ASSURE YOU THAT AS SOON AS THE LETTER REACHES ME THAT I WILL GIVE THE MATTER MY PERSONAL AND PREFERRED CONSIDERATION. IF YOU DESIRE PHONE ME LONGDISTANCE COLLECT AT ANY TIME ON THIS MATTER.
ANGELO J ROSSI MAYOR.

November 22, 1939

Honorable Ed. Fletcher
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Senator:

I am in receipt of a letter from James B. Black, president of the P. G. & E., and one of the so-called "Big Four" of the Golden Gate International Exposition, which reads as follows;

"Yours of November 18, concerning the Cabrillo statue at the Exposition, has been received.

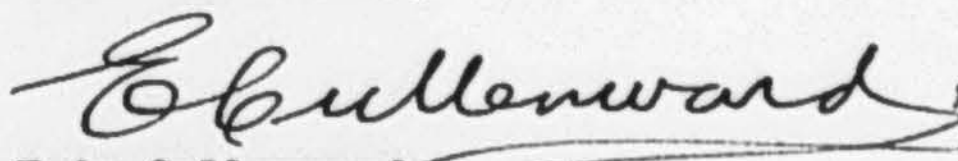
"The Exposition people advise me that the corporation owns no such statue, and I have checked with Tim Pflueger, who is quite familiar with the State and County art, who informs me that there is no statue of Cabrillo in that area.

"There is, however, a one-quarter size plaster cast of Cabrillo, by Tognelli, which belongs to Portugal and was shown in the Portuguese Exhibit in International Hall. We understand that the local Portuguese Consul-General and the Portuguese societies are insisting that the statue be given to the City of San Francisco. This is quite likely the statue referred to by Senator Fletcher."

I have talked this matter over with Mr. Boyd and we agree that perhaps it would be well for you to approach the Portuguese people here, directly, in behalf of the people of San Diego County. If you concur in this suggestion, and will send a copy of your letter to the Portuguese Consul-General, accompanied by a request that he join in your plea, the Mayor will be happy to back you up.

However, if you have any other line of attack in the matter, the Mayor will fall in line with whatever you wish to do.

Yours sincerely,



Eric Cullenward
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.

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