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March 23, 1954

Dear Dick:

You are not only nationally known, but world-wide, as one who has made good in every way, and California is more than proud of you. Thank heaven, President Eisenhower recognized your ability and has given you full swing as he should, for who knows, any day our President may pass away and there you are President, just as Truman was made President and you must be prepared to take over.

Who ever dreamed of such a thing as those Puerto Ricans shooting five of our congressmen. It isn't a pleasant thought and be on your guard.

By the way, what is your home address in Washington? I want to send your dear wife some Bird of Paradise direct to your home. On second thought, I have ordered the three dozen Bird of Paradise sent to you at the office. You can have two dozen of them for the office, but take one dozen home to the dear lady.

I had a nice letter from the President recently. - I am enclosing article that I hope you will enjoy reading, regarding the Cabrillo statue. The legislature in Sacramento are now passing a Resolution of appreciation also to Portugal which I will take with me when Mary and I go to Europe, leaving New York on the 5th of May.

The Cabrillo statue is located in the Cabrillo National Park on Point Loma, and there should be a fitting memorial or letter sent to Portugal in appreciation, by the United States Government. I am enclosing a copy of the Resolution passed by the City of San Diego.

I wish you would ring up my grandson, Bill Jaeger who is private secretary to Bill Knowland, if you have time, and ask if Senator Knowland has done anything about it. I would like to carry some testimonial to Portugal from the Federal Government in appreciation of their giving the Cabrillo statue to the people of California. The records show that more people visit the Cabrillo National Park on Point Loma than any other National Park in the Union. Naturally, I would like to take something representing the appreciation of Washington for this beautiful gift now situated on Point Loma.

If it is only a letter signed by the President, or by you, or even by the head of the National Park Service, there should be some recognition made to Portugal for their wonderful gift. And this has never been done. I am sure you understand.

I am taking Mary my good wife, our daughter Catherine and our grand-daughter Mary Catherine on the trip around the Mediterranean, and we will see our great-grandson in Cairo. We are also taking in Turkey, Greece and the Holy Land as well as making a trip on the Stella Pollaris to the Arctic Circle and to see the Midnight Sun. Then, we are flying home - probably the last trip we will ever make, but we are looking forward to it immensely. I am in my 82nd year and it is about time to quit traveling, but we are happy as kids.

Give my best to the good lady.

Sincerely,

EF:ls  
Enclosures

Vice President Richard E. Nixon  
Washington, D. C.

April 7, 1954

Dear Dick:

Since writing you about the Cabrillo statue, I have heard from my grandson, Bill Jaeger, who is private secretary to Senator William Knowland, that they are planning to have the Ambassador to Portugal, Mr. Guggenheim, represent Washington in connection with the presentation of Resolutions passed by the State Legislature of California and the City of San Diego - in appreciation of the Cabrillo statue. I will represent the State of California and the City of San Diego.

We will make it a colorful affair, particularly as I am having color pictures taken of the statue, which I shall present to the sculptor de Bree and the Premier of Portugal.

If you have time, I would appreciate a letter of introduction from you that I may use on our European trip - also to be made a keep-sake as well.

I am sure proud of you. No one could have done better and the Vice Presidency now has some meaning and influence. You are doing a grand job and rendering invaluable service to the President.

When you come out here this fall, I have a suggested plan of a trip to Mexico - either a stag party or bring the good lady - down to the Gulf of California, San Felipe.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Vice President  
Mr. Richard Nixon  
Washington, D. C.



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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1954

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

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

This is just a note to thank you for your letter of March 23. We had checked with your grandson, Bill Jaeger, and were glad to learn that plans had been made to have the Ambassador represent Washington in connection with the presentation of Resolutions passed by the State Legislature of California and the City of San Diego in appreciation of the Cabrillo statue. I was particularly pleased to learn that you will represent San Diego and California in the ceremony.

I noted with interest the trip which you and your family are planning and certainly hope it will be one of the most pleasant and memorable ones you have ever had.

Incidentally, Pat was certainly delighted to receive the beautiful Bird of Paradise flowers. Needless to say, they added a lot to the attractiveness of both the office and our home, and Pat joins me in extending our thanks to you for your generosity and thoughtfulness in sending them to us.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

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OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

March 9, 1955

Dear Colonel Ed:

This is just a note to tell you that the man under whom I studied history and government, Dr. Paul Smith, President of Whittier College, expects to be in San Diego within the next few weeks. As you may know, one of my main interests outside of the political scene is Whittier College, my alma mater. I took my undergraduate work at Whittier and at the present time I am a member of the Board of Trustees.

I believe the small independent colleges of America, such as Whittier, play as important a part in our educational system as do the larger state-supported institutions of higher learning.

I hope that in spite of your busy schedule you may have an opportunity to meet Dr. Smith during the time he is in the San Diego area. I am sure you will find a visit with him both stimulating and interesting.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Colonel Ed Fletcher  
1020 Ninth Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

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