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ED FLETCHER PAPERS: LIST OF DOCUMENTS REMOVED FROM CABRILLO
MONUMENT FILE TO INDIVIDUAL CORRESPONDENCE FILES

CORRESPONDENCE OF SWING, PHIL D.--U.S. Representative from
California:

Swing to President Calvin Coolidge, August 2, 1924
C.R. Slaup, Secretary to President Coolidge, to Swing August
11, 1924
Swing to Daniel E. Shaffer, Secretary, Native Sons of the
Golden West, San Diego Parlor, August 25, 1924
Shaffer to Swing, September 5, 1924
Shaffer to Swing, October 28, 1924
Swing to Shaffer, November 18, 1924
Shaffer to Swing, March 14, 1925
Swing to Shaffer, March 20, 1925
Shaffer: Minutes of special meeting of Native Sons of the
Golden West, no date.
Shaffer: Minutes of meeting of joint committee from Native
Sons and Daughters, no date.
Photocopy: p.197 of minutes of the Grand Parlor of Native
Sons of the Golden West, May 11-15, 1925
Endorsement of H.R.Bill 379, introduced by Swing, by Native
Sons, signed by committee of three: E.H. Dowell, Edgar
F. Hastings & Edgar A. Luce, December 28, 1925
Petition, by Native Sons of the Golden West to President
Coolidge, undated, two copies.
Shaffer to Swing, January 12, 1926
Swing to Shaffer, January 19, 1926
Shaffer to Swing, March 29, 1926
Shaffer to Swing, April 12, 1926
Swing to Shaffer, April 12, 1926
Swing to President Coolidge, April 12, 1926
Shaffer to Swing, May 7, 1926
Swing to Shaffer, May 8, 1926
Everett Sanders, secretary to President Coolidge, to Swing
May 12, 1926
Swing to Shaffer, May 12, 1926
Hanford MacNider, Assistant Secretary of War under
Coolidge, to Swing, May 13, 1925
Swing to A.V. Mayrhofer, May 13, 1926
Mayrhofer to Swing, May 13, 1926
Swing to Brazelton and other signers of petition, May 22,
1926
Swing to Shaffer, May 22, 1926
Proclamation of Cabrillo National Monument, by President
Coolidge, May 12, 1926
Shaffer, et al., to Swing, no date
William H. Ellison, Campaign Manager for funding Cabrillo
Memorial, to Swing, May 6, 1927
Swing to Ellison, May 12, 1927
Ellison to Swing, May 23, 1927
Swing to Ellison, May 28, 1927
R.W. Fryer, Secretary of Los Angeles Parlor of Native Sons
of the Golden West, to Swing, May 28, 1926

Swing to Will C. Wood, California Superintendent of Public
Instruction, September 28, 1926
Wood to Swing, October 18, 1926
Swing to Shaffer, October 19, 1926
Shaffer to Swing, January 3, 1927
Swing to Shaffer, January 11, 1927

FROM THE CORRESPONDENCE OF ED FLETCHER:

BEEK:

Fletcher to Joe A. Beek, California State Secretary of
State, March, 1954
Fletcher to Beek, April 6, 1954
Beek to Fletcher, April 9, 1954
Fletcher to Beek, April 12, 1954
Fletcher to Beek, August 4, 1954
Beek to Fletcher, August 7, 1954
Fletcher to Beek, August 10, 1954

BUDDY:

Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of San Diego, to Fletcher, July 29,
1942
Buddy to members of the Diocese, October 17, 1942
Buddy to Fletcher, May 6, 1954
Fletcher to Buddy, July 15, 1954

BUTLER:

Fletcher to John D. Butler, Mayor of San Diego, February 1,
1954
Butler to Fletcher, February 4, 1954
Butler to Fletcher, March 15, 1954
Fletcher to Butler, March 17, 1954
Fletcher to Butler, March 19, 1954

CABRILLO CIVIC CLUB:

Francis X. Vieira, Grand Secretary, to Fletcher January 18,
1940
Fletcher to J.R. deFaria, Cabrillo Statue Committee Chairman
February 1, 1940
Manuel Reis, President:
Reis to Fletcher, February 1, 1940
Reis to Fletcher, January 3, 1941
Fletcher to Reis, January 8, 1941
Reis to Fletcher, January 16, 1941
Fletcher to Reis, January 17, 1941
Reis to Fletcher, January 17, 1941
Fletcher to Reis, March 13, 1941
Joseph W. Mento, Succeeding President:
Mento to Fletcher, (2 letters) January 18, 1941
April 10, 1941
Fletcher to Mento, (3 letters) March 21, 1941
March 22, 1941, April 22, 1941

CLOYED:

Fletcher to Ralph Cloyed, California Assemblyman, March 8,
1954
Fletcher to Cloyed, March 22, 1954
Fletcher to Cloyed, April 1, 1954

Cloyed to Fletcher, March 29, 1954

DE BREE:

Alvaro de Bree, Portuguese sculptor of Cabrillo statue, to
Fletcher, October 1940
Fletcher to de Bree, February 16, 1954
de Bree to Fletcher, March 20, 1941
de Bree to Fletcher, March 30, 1954
Fletcher to de Bree, March 31, 1954
Fletcher to de Bree, April 2, 1954
Fletcher to de Bree, July 19, 1954
Fletcher to de Bree, August 11, 1954

FLETCHER:

Ferdinand Fletcher, son and lawyer, to Ed Fletcher, May 15,
1940
Ed Fletcher to Ferdinand Fletcher, May 16, 1940

GAULOST:

Euclides Gaulost da Costa, Consul of Portugal, to John H.
Covington, Executive Secretary, Division of Parks, San
Francisco, January 31, 1940
Gaulost to Culbert Olson, Governor of California, February
10, 1940
Gaulost to Fletcher, February 27, 1941
Gaulost to Fletcher, March 28, 1941
Gaulost to Fletcher, September 16, 1941
Gaulost to Fletcher, September 29, 1942
Gaulost to Fletcher, October 5, 1942

GLEASON:

Matthew M. Gleason, Vice-President, Southern Title & Trust
Company and Chairman, California State Park Commission,
to Fletcher, May 16, 1940
Gleason to Mrs. Edward Lewis, San Francisco, who had kept
the statue of Cabrillo

JAEGER:

Fletcher to William Jaeger, Fletcher's grandson, and aide to
Knowland, March 16, 1954
Fletcher to Jaeger, March 25, 1954
Fletcher to Jaeger, March 29, 1954
Fletcher to Jaeger, April 5, 1954
Fletcher to Jaeger, April 6, 1954

KNIGHT:

Fletcher to Goodwin J. Knight, Governor of California,
February 16, 1954
Knight to Fletcher, April 6, 1954
Fletcher to Knight, April 9, 1954
Fletcher to Knight, April 14, 1954

KNOWLAND:

Fletcher to U.S. Senator William F. Knowland, January 27,
1954
Knowland to Fletcher, February 1, 1954
Fletcher to Knowland, February 4, 1954
Fletcher to Knowland, March 1, 1954
Fletcher to Knowland, April 7, 1954

KRAFT:

Fletcher to Fred H. Kraft, California State Senator, et al.,

LEE & LOSH
Public Relations
SAN FRANCISCO

1220 Hearst Building
Telephone EXbrook 2888

25, January 1940

March 15, 1954
Fletcher to Kraft et al, March 20, 1954
Fletcher to Kraft, March 22, 1954
LUCKEL:
Frank Luckel, California Assemblyman, to Fletcher, March 18,
1954, September 20, 1954
Fletcher to Luckel, March 22, 1954
Luckel to Arthur Ohrms, Chief Clerk of Assembly, 9/20/54
MAYRHOFFER:
Albert V. Mayrhofer, Vice-President California State
Historical Association, to Fletcher, March 14, 1941
MC KAY:
Douglas McKay, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, to Secretary
of State John Foster Dulles (copy), April 28, 1954
Fletcher to McKay, July 13, 1954
NIXON:
Fletcher to Richard E. Nixon, Vice-President, March 23, 1954
Fletcher to Nixon, April 7, 1954
OLSON:
Fletcher to Culbert L. Olson, Governor of California,
January 31, 1940
RHODES:
Fletcher to Fred Rhodes, San Diego City Manager, November
20, 1946
ROBINSON:
Fletcher to D.M. Robinson, Superintendent, Cabrillo National
Monument, April 8, 1954
Fletcher to Robinson, July 13, 1954
Fletcher to Robinson, August 11, 1954
ROSSI:
Fletcher to Angelo J. Rossi, Mayor of San Francisco,
November 15, 1939
Rossi to Fletcher, November 16, 1939
Rossi's secretary, Eric Cullenward, to Fletcher, November
22, 1939
SCOYEN:
Fletcher to E.T. Scoyen, Superintendent, Sequoia & Kings
Canyon National Parks, July 13, 1954
Scoyen to Fletcher, May 5, 1954
WILEY:
Don Wiley, of Lee & Losh, Public Relations firm, San
Francisco to Fletcher, January 25, 1940
Fletcher to Wiley, January 26, 1940
WOOD:
Fletcher to Fred B. Wood, legislative counsel, January 29,
1940
Wood to Fletcher, January 29, 1940
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Senator Ed Fletcher
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Senator:

As unofficial go-between in the matter of
the Cabrillo statue, we would appreciate a little more infor-
mation on the present status of the matter.

For instance, has San Diego ever made any
official request to obtain the statue, and if so, to whom?
And has any official reply been received to that request?
Also, has the information contained in your January 22 letter
to Mayor Rossi been forwarded to Dr. Lopes in Oakland?

As soon as we have received this informa-
tion from you, we will be in a position to contact Dr. Lopes
and possibly the Portugese Counsel here and try to further
San Diego's case.

I notice in Admiral Stanley's letter that
he suggested making representation to the Portugese Minister
in Washington. However, such a step would not seem necessary
to me at this time. Hoping to hear from you in the near
future, we remain

Cordially yours,

LEE & LOSH

Don Wiley
Don Wiley

DW:mh

no basis

Suppl[em]ing my letter of
blank date we have no objection
to your delivery of the Cabrillo
Statue to Senator Hutchins for
delivery to the City of San Diego on
the understanding said City & SD
will have same in their custody

to the final determination
as to location
of said Statue

ED FLETCHER

SACRAMENTO

January 29, 1940

Mr. Don Wiley
Lee & Loeb
1220 Hearst Bldg.
San Francisco, California

Re: CABRILLO STATUE

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and the Board of Supervisors have agreed to finance the
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THE SAN DIEGO UNION

Saturday Morning, March 1, 1941.

THE UNION'S PUBLIC FORUM

Editor The Union: Among bills introduced at the last moment by the assembly, I find that Assembly Bill 2525, introduced by Sheridan and Dickey, assemblyman of Alameda County, would, if it became a law take away from San Diego the Cabrillo statue and permanently move it to Oakland.

The legislature of California --- not the governor, according to an opinion from the attorney general, has the final say as to its permanent location. As matters stand today we have the statue in our possession and the senate of California unanimously passed my bill two years ago designating San Diego as the permanent location of the Cabrillo statue, leaving to the decision jointly of the state park commission and the city council of San Diego as to its location here. **SITE DEDICATED**

That location has been selected and on Dec. 19, last, both the ambassador from Portugal in Washington, J. Antonio de Bianchi, and Euclides Goulart da Costa, the consul of Portugal in San Francisco, have officially approved the location of the Cabrillo statue in San Diego. The site was officially designated by the consul of Portugal on Dec. 19, last.

The assembly of California has never taken any action one way or the other and the introduction of this bill is a definite threat. The city of Oakland, through its park commission, has selected a location for our statue of Cabrillo and the board of supervisors of Alameda county and the city of Oakland have agreed to stand the expense of installation.

AUTHORITY RULING CITED

Being the author of a bill that passed the legislature two years ago, wherein the state of California recognized the 400th anniversary celebration of the discovery of California by Cabrillo, his first landing place being San Diego, our plans are to officially unveil the statue at that time and it seems a pity that Oakland should still be attempting to deprive us of what is rightfully ours.

It is true the governor of California, thinking he had the legal authority, instructed us to ship the Cabrillo statue first to the exposition in San Francisco last spring and later to the city of Oakland. Gov. Olson has no authority, as the attorney general in his legal opinion has determined. So the entire matter lies in the hands of the legislature. I am hoping all those friends interested will write to our three assemblymen and urge that no action be taken by the assembly, and that A. B. 2525 be killed in committee.

ED. FLETCHER
State Senator.

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2525

INTRODUCED BY MESSRS. SHERIDAN AND DICKEY

January 25, 1941

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES

An act transferring the possession of the statue of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo to the City of Oakland

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. The care, custody and control of the statue
- 2 of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo presented by the government of
- 3 Portugal and accepted by the Governor on behalf of the State
- 4 of California is hereby transferred to the City of Oakland in
- 5 trust for the citizens of this State.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR FLETCHER,

February 20, 1940.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL EFFICIENCY.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Relative to advertisement of the San Diego Quadri-centennial Celebration on motor vehicle license plates.

1 WHEREAS, The San Diego-Cabrillo Quadri-centennial Celebration will be held in the city of San Diego in 1942 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of California; and

2 WHEREAS, The success of this celebration will be accompanied by increased business and good will for the State, and will call attention to her achievements; and

3 WHEREAS, It is desirable to advertise the celebration and so aid in assuring its success; therefore, be it

4 Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That the Department of Motor Vehicles is urged and requested to have placed upon the face of all license plates issued for motor vehicles in the year 1942 the following:

5 Cabrillo Centennial San Diego

6 in addition to such matters as is required by law; and be it further

7 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR FLETCHER,

January 30, 1940.

WITHOUT REFERENCE TO COMMITTEE.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Relative to the disposition of a statue of John Rodriguez Cabrillo.

1 WHEREAS, John Rodriguez Cabrillo, a native of Portugal, discovered California on Thursday, September 28, 1542, by entering the harbor of San Diego; and

2 WHEREAS, In commemoration of this event the San Diego Cabrillo Quadri-centennial Celebration, to which the Senate and Assembly of California have heretofore by appropriate concurrent resolution requested the Governor to invite the world, will be held in the summer of 1942 at San Diego Bay; and

3 WHEREAS, We are informed that the Republic of Portugal in a gratifying spirit of friendship has donated a statue of John Rodriguez Cabrillo to be erected as a public monument in the State of California; and

4 WHEREAS, We are advised that this statue has been transported to and is now stored in the City and County of San Francisco; now, therefore, be it

5 Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly thereof concurring, That it is fitting that this statue of the great explorer be permanently placed near the spot where he made his memorable discovery, wherefore all State officials and other persons having jurisdiction or control over or right to the custody of it are requested and urged to do all things necessary or appropriate, in cooperation with the officials of the City of San Diego and others interested, without cost to the State, to accomplish its placement as a public monument at San Diego, where it may be viewed by all attending the San Diego Quadri-centennial Celebration; and be it further

6 Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the State Park Commission and to such other State officials and persons as may have or claim a right to the custody of this historic statue.

Our Senator Fletcher is on the job as evidenced by the following article in the San Francisco News, December 20th, last:

"The pint-sized statue of Cabrillo shown at the Exposition was a phony, it turns out, because the real thing — forwarded by the government at Lisbon — is still in the Customs House, where it has been for months and months.

"This discovery has been made by Controller Boyd — a man whose interest in statues hitherto has been less than international. Mr. Boyd was merely helping Senator Ed Fletcher acquire the statue for San Diego. This forced the Controller to establish (1) if there was any such statue, and (2) in that case, who was the man to see.

"After days in which it seemed the statue was as mythical as the Bufano statue of St. Francis — another trial to city officials — Mr. Boyd was able to tell Senator Fletcher that he would have to see a committee of Bay Region Portuguese headed by Dr. J. C. Lopes of Oakland, that he'd have to raise considerable money for a pedestal — and that he'd need a very big truck as the statue weighs six tons."

Senator Fletcher passed legislation at the last session with San Diego as the place to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the landing of Cabrillo. Los Angeles and San Francisco have been claiming Cabrillo for low these many years, and San Diego is striving to get the statue of Cabrillo permanently located in San Diego.

When interviewed, Senator Fletcher said: "I'm acting on orders from Joe Dryer. Mayor Rossi, Senator Shelley, City Controller Boyd, and many others are co-operating with me in our efforts to have the original Cabrillo statue unveiled in San Diego with proper representation from Portugal, for the Cabrillo 400th Anniversary. The statue had been promised to San Francisco and it is planned to erect it in Golden Gate Park. The chances are against us, but I'm taking the matter up both in Washington and San Francisco, and hoping against hope that we can win."

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

April 4 1941,

Dear Senator Ed Fletcher,

I think the statue should be here
Because the first harbor he came in
was here. I don't think it should be in
Oakland, do you?

Sincerely,
Pete Fletcher

Cabrillo School

San Diego Calif

April 3 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher

Sacramento Calif

Dear Senator Fletcher

I would like to have the statue where the
dedication was.

So would the children in the school.

Sincerely,

Jack Lawrence

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif
April 4, 1941

Dear Senator Fletcher

I was at the dedication of Cabrillo
I think the statue should be where
they dedicated it to be I think if
they fix it all up there, it will
be a nice place for Cabrillo statue
because he discovered.

San Diego boy first

Sincerely Your
Dolores Berger

Cabrillo School
San Diego
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Senator Ed ~~Fletcher~~ Fletcher,

I went down to the dedication of the Cabrillo
sight and would like to have the statue down here being
he discovered this land first and our school is called
Cabrillo.

Sincerely yours,
Alice Jane George

Cabrillo School
San Diego California
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento California

Dear Senator Fletcher

I was at the dedication of the
Cabrillo statue that they had Last Fall.
I would like it yes yes very much
if you could get that wonderful statue
of Cabrillo. The school I am going
to is named after Cabrillo. That is
why I want it so much.

Sincerely yours Olga Ulrich

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 2, 1941.

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,

Although I was not here for the dedication of the
statue, I would be very happy if you could find a way to
keep it here. I am very proud to be going to the school
that was able to see the dedication.

Sincerely, Margaret Anne
Epler

Sincerely yours
Olga Ulrich

Cabrillo School

San Diego Calif

April 2, 1941,

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif

Dear Senator Fletcher,

I surely enjoyed your dedication you had
down by the water front. I think Point Loma should
have the statue of Cabrillo because our school
is named after Cabrillo.

Sincerely Louise Marion Crawford

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, California

Dear Senator Fletcher,
We would like to have ^{the} statue
in the Harbor of the Sun."

We would like to have it here
where Cabrillo landed first.

But Oakland ~~it~~ wants up there.
But I think we will win because
there are many Portuguese people here.

Sincerely
Marion Crawford

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher
I am glad we are going to have
the monument we all think all
the men are trying their best.
We would appreciate it if you would
try to have it really belong here.

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 4, 1941

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Cabrillo landed here.

Sincerely
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Cabrillo School
San Diego, California
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, California

Dear Senator Fletcher,
Could San Diego
please have Cabrillo's Statue? We wou-
ld like it very much if you could
have it, but we think that we
ought to have it because our
school is named after Cabrillo.
Maybe we could have it for
a month and you could have

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
~~San~~ Sacramento Calif

Dear Senator Fletcher,

The reason I want to have the statue
of Cabrillo in San Diego and not Oakland is
that our class studied about Cabrillo
and had a play about him in California.

I saw the dedication of the site for
the statue of Cabrillo and it would be a
great honor to the school to have the
statue of Cabrillo near us. Sincerely, Jessie Thompson

it as much. I hate would only
be fair.

Sincerely,

Marilyn

Pass

Cabrillo School

San Diego Calif

April 11, 1941

~~Senator Earl Fletcher~~

~~San Marcos Calif~~

~~Dear Senator Fletcher?~~

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher

We would like very much to
have the monument in Point Loma
I know that you ^{will} ~~that~~ try your
best to put the monument in Point
Loma. I think it should be in Point
Loma become Cabrillo Landed on
Point Loma

Sincerely,
Fillan

Cabrillo School
Harbor of the sun
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,

We all think it was very nice
of you to try to get the statue down
to the Harbor of the sun and hope
that we get the statue anyway.
If we could get it it would
be nice.

Sincerely
Joseph E. Joseph

Cabrillo School
H4
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed. Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,
We read about Cabrillo. One day
the children of Cabrillo School
went where he landed. We
had a play about him ~~Sincerely~~

Sincerely
Grace

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed. Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif. Fletcher

Dear Senator Fletcher,
I am so sorry that they debated
against us having it. I have all the
confidence in you.

Sincerely, Kenneth Clark

Cabrillo Is.

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif

April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif

Dear Senator Fletcher,
I would like the Monument to be
in San Diego because Cabrillo
landed here and I think
that is where it belongs.

Sincerely
Richard Russell

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif
April 9, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento California

Dear Senator Fletcher
Our school would
like to have the statue
because Cabrillo landed
in San Diego first.

Sincerely
Robert MacDonald

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif,

Dear Senator Fletcher,
I like to have the statue
of Cabrillo in San Diego, instead
of Oakland.

Sincerely,
Mannet Barnes

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher

We would like to have the statue of
Cabrillo in San Diego, because he landed here
first.

Sincerely

Edward Barnes

Cabrillo School.
San Diego Calif

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif
April 3/1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher

we have study about The studied of
Cabrillo we had a play

Sincerely Frank Hankins

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 3, 1941

Senator Ed. Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Sir:

We enjoyed the dedication of the ^{site for the} monument very much and we could always think of it if we had something to remember it by! If we had the statue we could remember it.

Mr. Stevenson and I too think we should have it

(over)

I don't think we should be cheated out of it,
after all he came to, "San Diego," first but
if they insist I shall forget all about it!

Sincerely

D Jeanne Newton

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif
April 7, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif

Dear Senator Fletcher

Here in San Diego Cabrillo School went to
the legislator about the Cabrillo Statue. We
would like to have the statue of Cabrillo
here where we had the dedication

Sincerely
Roselina Silva

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,

I would like the statue very
much. I would like you to help us.
We would like it My mother would like
it too.

Thank you.

Sincerely Leo Garcia
Peter's friend

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 21, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher

I think that San Diego should have
the statue. We would appreciate it because our
own school was named after Cabrillo. We
all think that he was a very good
man.

Sincerely
Evelyn Medina

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,
I think the Cabrillo Monument should be
here because Cabrillo landed here first.
I know you are trying to do as much
as you can to bring the monument here.
We received your card. I still think
the monument should be here.

Sincerely
Hendell Jones

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 4, 1949

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,

I think the statue of Cabrillo should
be in San Diego because he landed here
first and our school is named after him.

Sincerely, Sebastian Gulest

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 4, 1949

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher

our class has been studying about
Cabrillo because there are many Portuguese
in San Diego and because Cabrillo
came here first. We would appreciate
it if the statue could be sent
here.

Sincerely
Leonora Teixeira

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 2, 1941

Dear Senator Fletcher,
We would like to have
the Cabrillo statue here,
in San Diego. Because
he was here first. I did
like to see the dedication here
by the water. We don't want it
in Oakland. We want it here
because we're proud of it, and proud
of the man named Cabrillo.

Sincerely yours, Johnnie Silveira

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,
We enjoyed the dedication and
We would like to have the statue
near our school.

Sincerely,
Edna Fernandez

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed. Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher,
We would like
to have the statue
here instead of Oakland.

Sincerely,
Lucille Cardozo.

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed. Fletcher
Sacramento Calif.

Dear Senator Fletcher

I'd like to have a Cabrillo Statue here.

I'd like the ~~to~~ Statue to be down in San Diego. I
live there and many Portuguese people are here and would
like to have a Portuguese monument down here.

Sincerely, your
Frank Fernandez

Cabrillo School
San Diego, Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed F. Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator F. Fletcher,
I would like to have that statue
in Point Loma. I would like you
to try to help us to get it
in ~~Point~~ Point Loma.

Sincerely
Monica Hernandez

Cabrillo School
San Diego Calif.
April 4, 1941

Senator Ed F. Fletcher
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator F. Fletcher
I think that ^{the} statue should be put
in San Diego because Cabrillo landed in
San Diego and not ⁱⁿ Oakland and it would
be a better place.

Sincerely,
Matthew Monise

Cabrillo School

april 2, 1941

Cabrillo School
San Diego
California

Senator cd Fletcher
Sacramento California

Dear Senator Fletcher
We'd like to have the statue
where the dedication of the
site was.

Sincerely yours
Norman Virissimo

Copy Joe Dryer 11/27

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Leland W. Cutler
President

November 20, 1939.

Senator Ed. Fletcher
1020 - 9th Ave.,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Senator:

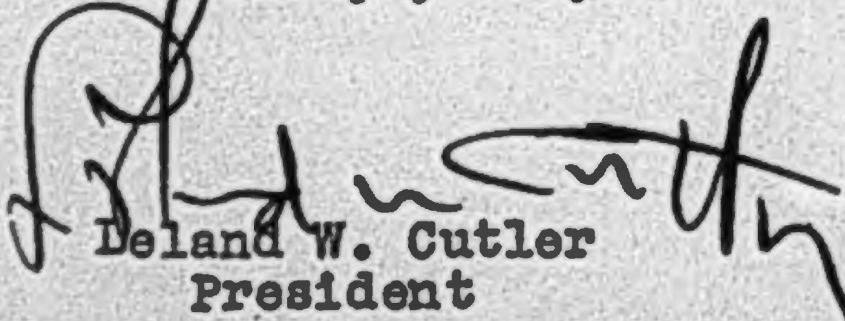
The matter concerning the final disposal of the Cabrillo statue, which was shown at the Portuguese exhibit at this Exposition, has been very thoroughly investigated.

The statue is the property of the Portuguese Commission to the Golden Gate International Exposition and is under the jurisdiction of the acting Consul General, Mr. Armas do Amaral. I also understand that the local Portuguese colony contributed towards the expenses of participation.

Special representations were made by the Exposition to the Consulate and the Chairman of the Portuguese Association to have the statue sent to San Diego, but were only met with refusal and insistence that it be presented to a local park.

As the Exposition has no rights in the disposal of this exhibit I deeply regret that we can do nothing further in the matter.

Sincerely yours,


Leland W. Cutler
President

Portugal sent to the Golden Gate Exposition a 14 ft. statue of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, the discoverer of California on September 28, 1542. He first saw Pt. Loma and landed at San Diego. The statue is made of a beautiful pinkish stone or marble found only in Portugal and weighs nearly ten tons. The statue came in bond and the U.S. Customs amounted to many thousands of dollars. The Exposition authorities did not exhibit the statue but made a dummy. The actual statue remained in storage for many months until the Portuguese Consul in July 1939 offered the statue to the State of California. By so doing, the U.S. customs duty were waived and on July 20, 1939 Governor Culbert L. Olson on behalf of the State of California accepted the gift in the following language:

"I take great pleasure, on behalf of the State of California, in accepting the statue of Cabrillo from the Portuguese Government, and wish to convey to the Department of National Propaganda California's thanks and appreciation of this presentation. It seems to me not only fitting that General Cabrillo's statue should be accepted by California, with assurance of our good will and friendship toward the Portuguese Government, but also for me to acknowledge that the presentation of this statue is a fine gesture of the friendship of Portugal for our state and its people. I might mention that our worthy citizenship is made up in part of thousands of Portuguese people."

Immediately that it was in possession of the State, San Francisco urged it be placed in Golden Gate Park; Sacramento claimed it for the State Capitol grounds in Sacramento, while a large Portuguese delegation headed by Dr. J.C. Lopes of Oakland claimed ownership of the statue. Arrangements were made with the Park Commission of Oakland and the Supervisors to furnish the funds and erect the statue in a public park in Oakland. In the Fall of 1939 San Diego became active in claiming that the statue should come to San Diego for the following reasons:

It was the first landing place of Cabrillo in the discovery of California, and Senator Ed Fletcher of San Diego, representing San Diego County in the State Senate, had introduced and passed during the 1939 Session a bill which the Governor signed recognizing San Diego for the Quadricentennial Celebration on September 28, 1942 in commemoration of Cabrillo's discovery of California. The State of California was authorized to participate in the celebration which will be a notable event lasting many weeks, and the Federal Government and all Foreign nations will be invited to participate in a fitting centennial celebration.

The San Diego Chamber of Commerce instructed Senator Fletcher to bring the statue to San Diego to be dedicated by the Minister from Portugal on September 28, 1942. Senator Fletcher immediately asked and secured cooperation from Mayor Rossi, Senator Shelley and Harold Boyd, City Controller of San Francisco. Mr. Boyd located the statue in a private garage six miles out of San Francisco. Senator Fletcher then introduced a resolution which unanimously passed the Senate approving the location of the statue in San Diego. The Assembly referred it to a committee of three and a strong Oakland delegation appeared before the Committee and action taken by the Committee favorable to Oakland without the author, Senator Fletcher, having an opportunity to be heard. The Oakland-Tribune on February 3rd announced the award of the Assembly Committee to Oakland after the Portuguese Fraternal League had endorsed Oakland as to location.

In the meantime, the Cabrillo Civic Clubs, 48 in number and scattered over the State, became interested and originally supported Sacramento as to location for the statue.

Their State Board of Directors met on February 17th and invited Senator Fletcher to present the matter, with the result that the organization unanimously endorsed San Diego as to location. Oakland officials since then have threatened to go into Court for possession. The State Park Commission of California claimed jurisdiction owing to the fact that the statue was given to the State of California and accepted by Governor Olson.

An investigation develops that the statue has been removed from the private garage and rumor has it that it is on its way to San Diego. When asked where the statue was, Senator Fletcher replied "I have nothing to say."

ED FLETCHER

SACRAMENTO

January 29, 1940

Dr. J.C. Lopes
1624 Franklin Street
Oakland, California

Re:-CABRILLO STATUE

My dear Dr. Lopes:

Last Saturday morning in discussing the matter with you personally, my understanding was that you claim ownership of the Cabrillo Statue and have definite plans with the money raised for its erection in Oakland - the money coming from the County and the City.

Under those circumstances, of course, San Diego should yield, but on my arrival in Sacramento I find that the State of California really owns the statue, the duty having been waived, and that it is a matter for the Legislature to decide its location. I also find that the Cabrillo Civic Clubs claim certain rights, and under date of January 20th a meeting was being called in connection thereto that the statue be located in Sacramento.

Officially representing the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the Committee, I offered to reimburse you for the freight which you say you paid from New York to San Francisco, and that offer still holds good. Would you let me know just what the amount is, please, in connection thereto, and if my information is correct that the State of California controls the statue, I hope you will abide by the decision of the State as San Diego will as to the future location of the Cabrillo statue.

Please remember that California and San Diego was first discovered by Cabrillo, also, please remember that our citizenship of Portuguese in San Diego is large, very influential, control the fishing industry and comprise some of our best citizens, also, please remember that the Legislature officially took action last Spring recognizing our 400th Anniversary, and I am enclosing copy of the legislation as passed by the State of California in relation thereto. I hope that you and your Committee can see your way clear to cooperate with us in the

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Dr. J.C. Lopes:
January 29, 1940

matter.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

ED FLETCHER

EF/jv
encl.

cc-Hon. Wm.F.Knowland

Adm. Serv

Jos. Dryer

Res. Stone

ED FLETCHER

SACRAMENTO

January 31, 1940

Mrs. Jeannette Daley
State Assembly
Sacramento, California

Re:-SCR #2

My dear Mrs. Daley:

Enclosed find copy of SCR #2 which passed the Senate unanimously.

Somewhere in the Senate an error was made in printing the name "John" instead of "JUAN". Please introduce the amendment and pass the resolution without going to Committee. The facts are these:

Portugal sent a statue of Cabrillo to the San Francisco Exposition last year, the expense of erection was so great as well as the duty, that the Exposition authorities left it in the Customs House and did not erect it. Later through the auspices of the Governor, the statue was given to the State of California - the duty was removed and the statue placed in a private garage in San Francisco. I am enclosing copy of the legislation which I was author of last January re: 400th Cabrillo celebration in 1942. You might state that there has been some talk of placing the statue in Oakland, San Francisco and Sacramento, but San Diego being the first point of discovery by Cabrillo, it is fitting that it should be located in San Diego.

I want this rushed through at the earliest possible moment. The Santa Fe Railway have agreed to haul the statue to San Diego free of cost and the U.S. Navy as well, so Joe Dryer told me. I have sent a copy of this letter to Charlie Stream and Paul Richie asking them to cooperate with you in every way.

Sincerely yours,
ED FLETCHER

EF/jv
cc-Assembly Stream
cc- " Richie

September 10, 1941

Senator Ed. Fletcher,
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Senator Fletcher:

I regret the delay in replying to your letter but I have been on the jury of sculpture awards at Pomona. Personally, I have a full program of work laid out and am giving my time to it. As I stated to you at first concerning the Cabrillo Committee, I will contribute what knowledge I can, unofficially, but I do not wish to take on any more responsibilities at this time, even on a monetary basis.

I can, however, recommend three men who are expert at setting concrete and stone sculptures. Two have worked with me and I trust their judgement and work implicitly. Mr. R. W. Little (cast stone) on Pacific Highway next door to the Alpine Tavern (2) Mr. Clemens (monument works) 3460 Imperial Ave. (3) Mr. Frank Leary (stone carver) 3215 Marlboro Ave. This type of work is not new to any of them, and you may be sure of their experience.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Ford

Box 1042, Rt. 1
La Mesa, California
August 18, 1941

Honorable Walter Cooper
City Manager
Civic Center
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

Regarding repairs to the Cabrillo Statue and its installation at the site heretofore dedicated last December, I recommend the following work:

Install at ground level a concrete slab 8x8 either in diameter or square 2 ft. thick, and in the center thereof a concrete block either 3 ft. high and 4 ft. in diameter, or 4 ft. high and 4 ft. in diameter or square - whichever is most desirable; same to be colored to conform to the Statue, a suggested ochre color.

I will repair the statue in workmanlike manner subject to the approval of Mr. Reginald Poland or any Committee that may be appointed for the purpose.

Total estimate of cost for the improvements and repairs to the Statue, \$750.00.

I will ask the City to furnish some second-hand lumber and necessary material for a temporary building not to exceed 10 or 12 ft. in width and length and approximately 20 ft. high and I will build this temporary building at my own expense.

The City to haul the Statue as is and material to the spot dedicated as a permanent location for the Statue.

I will furnish all equipment, drilling tools, etc. for this work. It will be necessary to do this work by drilling and steel dowel pins - any chips large enough to justify drilling should be drilled and doweled. If any parts are missing, same to be built up in neat cement to match texture of the stone and properly colored.

Honorable Walter Cooper:
August 18, 1941

When the job is completed and accepted, I will tear down the temporary building without expense to the City and clear the place off. If the City wants the second-hand lumber, they will have to come and get it.

It will take approximately three months to do this work right, and I ask for the payment of \$150.00 when the 8x8 ft. slab of concrete is laid 2 ft. thick and paid for by me; \$250.00 when the Statue is erected on the dedicated site, and the balance, i.e. \$350.00 when the work is completed and accepted by the Committee. The entire job to be completed within ninety (90) days from date of delivery of the statue on the ground.

Yours truly,

Clyde W. West

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

(G-3)

May 22, 1942

The Honorable Ed. Fletcher
California State Senator
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego, California

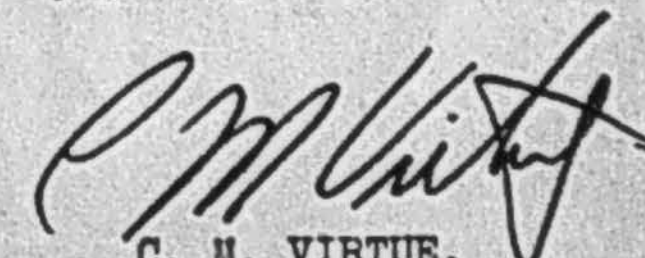
Dear Senator Fletcher:

With reference to your letter dated May 8, 1942, addressed to the President of the United States, concerning dedication of a statue of Cabrillo in San Diego on September 28, 1942.

The Commanding General directs me to inform you that there are no objections to this event being held, providing the following conditions are fulfilled:

- a. The approval of this gathering is based on the assumption that the enemy situation will be no worse than at present.
- b. This approval is given with the distinct understanding that this event may be cancelled immediately upon notification, no matter how far plans may have been made for the holding of the same.
- c. That sufficient private guards or auxiliary police are furnished by the sponsor of this gathering to handle traffic and to avoid congestion on the highways.
- d. That a plan is submitted to this headquarters on or before September 1, 1942, setting forth the method provided for the handling of traffic and the precautionary measures taken to avoid highway congestion and for the control of the public.

Very truly yours,


C. M. VIRTUE,
Lt. Col., A.G.D.,
Assistant Adjutant General

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

In reply refer to:
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April 28, 1954

Colonel Ed Fletcher
9490 Mesa Vista
La Mesa, California

Dear Colonel Fletcher:

Acting Superintendent Donald Robinson of Cabrillo National Monument has informed me that you are planning a trip to Portugal. While there you will thank the people of Portugal through their President and Premier for the gift to California of the statue of Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo. You also plan to carry special thanks and greetings to Alvaro de Bree, sculptor of the statue. For these purposes, you are carrying and will present resolutions by the City of San Diego and the State of California.

While you are on this mission I will greatly appreciate it if you will assure these officials, the people of Portugal, and Alvaro de Bree, that the National Park Service of the United States Department of the Interior considers it a great honor to have been assigned the custodianship of the Cabrillo statue. We hope that it will ever stand on the grounds of the Cabrillo National Monument which was dedicated, set aside, and named for the great Portuguese navigator by the United States Government.

No doubt they will be interested to know the meaning of the words "National Monument." Please explain that these are areas reserved by the government to preserve objects of prehistoric, historic, and scientific interest of this Country. The landing of Cabrillo in San Diego Bay on Sept. 28, 1542, has been judged one of the significant events in the history of the United States. Therefore, on Oct. 14, 1918, a half acre of land on Point Loma was, by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson, set aside as the Cabrillo National Monument.

The statue itself came under our jurisdiction on Sept. 28, 1949, the 407th anniversary of the landing. At that time it was dedicated with impressive ceremonies. Among those attending was Dr. Manuel Rocha, an official representative of the government of Portugal. It is well known that the exploration, settlement and development of what is now the United States came about through the efforts of the people of many lands. It is entirely fitting that we have this reminder to our people that a renowned son of Portugal made an important contribution to our history.

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Please assure our friends in Portugal that we will protect and preserve the statue and make it available for the benefit and enjoyment of our people. At this monument visitors from not only this Country, but the entire world can come, learn the story of, and pay honor to the great Portuguese mariner, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who discovered California on September 28, 1542.

If you will deliver the above message to those to whom you present the resolutions and also assure them of my own high regard and esteem, it will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) CONRAD L. WIRTH
Director

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July 13, 1954

Mr. E. T. Scoyen, Superintendent
U. S. Department of the Interior
Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks
Three Rivers, California

Refer: KES CABR

Friend Scoyen:

Referring to your letter of May 3, which I find on my desk today on my return from a trip to Europe, Egypt, Jerusalem and the Scandinavian countries including the North Cape, as well as my visit to Portugal, I am very appreciative of the kind interest taken by everyone in the National Park Service.

I am enclosing copy of letter to Honorable Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior, that I am sure will be of interest.

I am glad that you are enjoying a copy of my Memoirs.

Please make it a point to call on me the next time you are in San Diego. It will be a pleasure.

I assure you again it is a pleasure to cooperate with Don Robinson in every way. He is right on the job.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls
cc: Don Robinson

P.S. I am enclosing copy of my letter to the children regarding my Lisbon visit that may interest you. Also, enclosed find copy of letter to Conrad L. Wirth, Director of U. S. Park Service.



GOODWIN J. KNIGHT
GOVERNOR

State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
SACRAMENTO 14

July 14, 1954

Senator Ed Fletcher
1020 - 9th
San Diego, California

Dear Senator Fletcher:

This office received a number of things in which you probably have an interest. They were sent first to you in care of the American Embassy in Lisbon, and they were forwarded on to the Governor of the State of California, and I am now forwarding them to you in San Diego.

I judge from these things that you have recently been on a trip to Europe, including Portugal, and, if so, hope that you had a very nice time.

Sincerely,

Paul
Paul Mason

Encl.
PM:b

1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California
July 19, 1954

Mr. Paul Mason
Governor's Office
State of California
Sacramento, California

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your letter of July 14 and the information therein contained, coming from Portugal.

I had a remarkable experience in Lisbon and will send you a copy of my report to the Governor and Legislature.

Call on me when I can be of service. At 82, I don't get around like I used to, but Oh Boy! I got a kick out of that Lisbon trip!!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

SECRETARIADO NACIONAL DA INFORMAÇÃO, CULTURA POPULAR E TURISMO

P R I V A T E

Lisbon, July 3, 1954

Dear Senator Fletcher,

I sincerely hope that by the time this letter reaches your address, you and Mrs. Fletcher will be back home after enjoying your cruise to the Arctic Circle.

I did not send you the copies of the papers which ought to have published your interview, because Mr. de Brée told me he would take care of that.- I even wonder if your statement has ever been published for, in the meantime, I went to the north and I only came back a few days ago.- Also Mr. Nunes has been absent from the office for a long time owing to ill health and, by the way, he asked me to convey to you and Mrs. Fletcher his best regards.

I would like now to avail of this opportunity to put before you a matter which is of the utmost interest to me.- The office here is now appointing new staffs for all the Portuguese Tourist Bureaux abroad (Casas de Portugal). As a matter of fact they have already appointed them for Paris and London, but New York has been kept in abeyance until August, it seems. The top jobs consist of a General Director and two Assistants, one for Tourism and another for the Commercial Dept.- I was a candidate for one of these posts for New York, but I fear that my hopes are faint. As a matter of fact, a little country like mine is all currents and cross-currents. Practically everybody is related to everybody else, or entangled with everybody else through birth, marriage, friendship, politics, church, hatred, business affiliations, etc.etc., and a man very seldom obtains a fair deal merely through his own merits; generally he gets it only when he is lucky enough to contact the right people.- Under the circumstances, I am practically sure that a nice word of recommendation to our Prime Minister (or to his "second-in-command" the Ministro da Presidencia, Dr. Lumbrals) either from the American highest authorities here or from any other official quarters in the States, would be most helpful to serve my purpose.- Your influence, Senator Fletcher, would be invaluable should you be kind enough to patronize my candidature and do something about this matter.

As you know, I am here in the Public Relations and Reception Dept. (Tourism), but civil servants in this country are so poorly rewarded at home that I anxiously hope that an opportunity will arise soon when I can get some fair job abroad.

Thanking you in advance for anything that you might wish to do in my favour, please present my best compliments to Madam and believe me to be,

Sincerely yours

Elias P. Bénard
Elias P. Bénard

1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California
U. S. A.
July 15, 1954

Mr. Elias P. Benard
Public Relations & Reception Dept.
(Tourism)
Lisbon, Portugal

My good Friend:

Thanks for your letter of July 3 which I find on my desk on our return from our trip to the North Cape and the Midnight Sun.

I am pleased to inform you that I have written direct to His Excellency, Premier Salazar thanking him for the many courtesies that we received from our visit to Portugal, and I definitely mentioned your name and the splendid service you gave us and the fine impression you made on us.

I went the limit, but I want you to treat this letter as confidential. I want to help you in any way I can. I did not mention anything pertaining to appointments, but gave you a strong recommendation. I thought this was for your best interest. If there is anything further that I can do to help you, let me know. If in reply, the Premier mentions you I will keep you posted. And, if you want me to write a separate letter to Dr. Lumbrales, please let me know by airmail.

You will be glad to know that our Ambassador made a special report to the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles of my visit and the reaction of the Portuguese people. The Secretary of State telephoned Senator William Knowland's office the following information which has been conveyed to me, under date of June 22:

"The primary purpose that I want to write to you is to tell that I received a call from the State Department late last week and their primary purpose in calling was to inform us how pleased they were with the meeting that you had with Premier Salazar. He indicated that the meeting had come off very well which, of course, is something you would know so well already. However, they were particularly interested in the after-effect and the fine things which Premier Salazar had to say about the meeting. Apparently, the press made comment on the get-together for several days following, and the general reaction among the Portuguese people was one of great pleasure toward the friendly display of good will from the people of the State of California

as expressed by Senator Fletcher. I thought that you would be pleased to know of the international implications of your visit and the fact that the State Department felt that it is worth so much more than the efforts necessary to arrange the meeting."

I received this letter in Stockholm, Sweden, and it made me very happy. Please do not in any way give this any publicity and treat the whole letter confidential.

I would sure be a pleasure to have you in this country and to see you once in a while. I want you to come to San Diego and let me show you some of our beauty spots, as well.

With kindest, personal regards, and you will hear from me later.

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Doutor Antonio de Oliveira Salazar
Presidente do Conselho de Ministros

His Excellency
Premier Doutor Antonio de Oliveira
Lisbon, Portugal Salazar

1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California
U. S. A.
July 15, 1954

My dear Sir:

I arrived home Tuesday of this week after a delightful trip to the North Cape to see the Midnight Sun and taking in the Scandinavian countries. I find many clippings on my desk from Lisbon and am more than grateful and appreciative of every courtesy and kindness bestowed on me while there.

I am writing an official report to the City of San Diego, the Board of Supervisors, the Governor of California, the State Legislature and the U. S. National Park Service covering my visit and the splendid reception given me while in Lisbon.

I want particularly to thank you for all the kindnesses and the many courtesies extended while I was in Lisbon. I was particularly impressed with Mr. Elias P. Benard and his splendid service while looking after us.

I do hope some time you can see your way clear to come to California, and the Governor of California, as well as the Mayor of San Diego, will return, with interest, the many courtesies extended by your country.

Also, I am very desirous, for my own pleasure, for my office to have a picture of you with your autograph. It will be more than appreciated and kept among my memoirs. I was Presidential elective for Honorable Herbert Hoover, a personal friend, and have his picture on the wall of my office together with five other Presidents of the United States and Mexico. I do hope to have yours as well.

Again, thanking you for the warm reception of your country and the happiness you gave both Mrs. Fletcher and myself,

Sincerely yours,

P.S. I am giving an address at the annual reunion of the Portuguese-American Society next month. They represent the best citizenship we have in California.

Also, I should mention that I was more than pleased to meet Senor and Senora De Bree and enjoyed their hospitality.

EF:ls

July 13, 1954

Mr. Conrad L. Wirth, Director
U. S. Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Wirth:

You are the "salt of the earth" and I know that if it had not been for you, Honorable Douglas McKay would never have taken an interest in the matter. I am enclosing copy of letter that I have written the Secretary of the Interior; also copy of my letter to the children in relation to the Lisbon visit that I hope will be of interest.

I extend the same invitation to you that I have to Honorable Douglas McKay - to come to the West Coast so that I may return the compliment.

I was twelve years in the State Senate of California and six years on the State Park Commission with Honorable Joseph Knowland, and five years on the Highway Commission, so you know I am interested at all times in the Park Service. When I was on the Park Commission, Newton Drury was our secretary.

Please look me up when you come to California and let me know you are coming. Am Obligated.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:ls

cc: E. T. Scoven, Superintendent
Sequoia and Kings Canyon
Donald Robinson, Cabrillo Monument

1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California
July 19, 1954

Mr. Robert M. Guggenheim
U. S. Ambassador
Lisbon, Portugal

My dear Mr. Guggenheim:

After leaving Lisbon, Portugal, Mrs. Fletcher and yours truly, with our daughter and grand-daughter, visited the North Cape and the Midnight Sun, taking in the Scandinavian countries; then flew to Massachusetts for a re-union of the Fletcher family; and here we are home again.

I want to thank you heartily for your splendid cooperation and the privilege of meeting His Excellency Premier Salazar. Recently, I received word from the office of my good friend, Senator William Knowland, covering your report to the office of the Secretary of State, and it was most complimentary and greatly appreciated - all thanks to you.

I do hope that you and your good wife will make it a point to come to California as soon as you can and let us have you as our guests here. We want to show you some beauty spots, a little touch of Mexico, drink a date milkshake under the date palms and even pick your dates in Borrego Valley, only two hours from San Diego by auto.

We had a family re-union at our Del Mar resort yesterday. Only 47 of the 63 were there at the four houses we own on the beach. I am the founder of Del Mar and was Vice President of the company that built the hotel there and the first house on the beach as well as the first house on the hill. There are 750,000 people now living in San Diego County. We have beautiful roads and vistas of mountain, desert, valley and sea. Give us a chance to prove it, please, that San Diego is the best place in California to visit and to live.

We, again, thank you for your courtesy in having us to tea, knowing the demands on you both. We will never forget our visit and hope to hear from you from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

April 1, 1954

Friend Lawrence:

I am glad that you are interested enough to arrange to send through me a communication to the sculptor deBree and the President and Premier of Portugal. I am enclosing copy of Resolution which has passed the Legislature, so that I shall represent the state of California as well.

Also, I am enclosing copy of Resolution passed by the City Council. I have all the documents in relation thereto now, from Mayor Butler. This will give you some idea of what we are doing, but you handle at in your own way and it will be greatly appreciated.

We are leaving in three weeks, so I will greatly appreciate early action.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:ls

Mr. Lawrence Oliver
815 Armada Terrace
San Diego, California

August 3, 1954

Harold J. Powers, Lt. Governor
State Capital
Sacramento, California

Friend Powers:

Mr. E. T. Scoyen, Superintendent of the Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, and the superintendent of the Cabrillo National Monument called on me today. They are very anxious to have, as a permanent record at the Cabrillo National Monument on Point Loma, a copy of the Senate Concurrent Resolution passed by the Legislature thanking the nation of Portugal - the beautiful bound volume which you gave me and which I delivered to those for which it was intended in Lisbon.

Is there any chance of getting another copy? It would be gratefully appreciated if the State could present a copy to the U. S. Park Service and held in perpetuity at the Cabrillo Monument on Point Loma.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls
cc: Joe Beck

P.S. I want to have a little talk with you the next time you come down. We are moving heaven and earth for your re-election.

E.F.

1020 - 9th Avenue
San Diego 1, California
August 11, 1954

Dear Lady:

Enclosed find colored photograph of the Cabrillo statue as promised.

What afternoon can you and your splendid daughter take a ride with Mary and yours truly into the mountains, catching a few trout and having a good time? Please set the date and give me a ring, so I can confirm arrangements with Mary. What do you say?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF:ls

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350 San Fernando
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