

MEMORANDUM

To: Ed Fletcher  
From: Bill Jaeger

*Bill*

Re: Exchange of certain real property along the Klamath River for cutting rights on other land.

Date: September 26, 1953

Following your visit to the United States Forest Service on Tuesday, September 22, I received a call from Mr. Edward Crafts regarding your meeting. He stated that it was his belief the impression which you had as to the probability of the success of the exchange was much greater than they had intended to convey. As you stated to me earlier in the day, the two remaining hurdles for this exchange are to be the State Lands Commission and the National Forest Reservation Commission. They indicated that it really wasn't going to be an easy proposition to interest the Commission in accepting this exchange where there is a net gain of real property to the Federal Government. As you undoubtedly realize, the policy of the Republican administration is to try to prevent acquisition of property where it would withdraw sources of tax revenue from local governmental groups. Nevertheless, Mr. Crafts, Mr. Grover and Mr. McArdle all believe that this was a rather worthy purpose, and the exchange was justified considering all the facts other than the one policy mentioned.

In trying to develop what further action could be taken which would influence the decision of the National Forest Reservation Commission, it was suggested that should the State Lands Commission take action prior to the consideration of the National Forest Reservation Commission, this fact would be helpful in indicating the State's position to the Commission. It is rather obvious that the members of this Commission will have the last say on the matter, and consequently it would seem to me that we might endeavor to present the case to them by means of a written memorandum prior to the time the matter is actually before them for consideration. If you could make such material available to our office I am sure that I could interest the Senator in endorsing the exchange and forwarding the material to the members over his signature.

The members of this Commission are Robert Stevens, Secretary of the Army; Douglas McKay, Secretary of the Interior; Ezra Taft Benson, Secretary of Agriculture; Styles Bridges, United States Senate; John Stennis, United States Senate; William Colmer, Member of Congress; Wesley D'Ewart, Member of Congress. Actually, Ralph Tudor, Under Secretary of the Interior and a Californian, acts in behalf of Secretary McKay, and I am informed that Earl Coke, another Californian, acts in behalf of Secretary Benson. I felt that you should have this information at the earliest possible time following your return so that you could make the necessary arrangements before the matter comes before the Commission for decision.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

29 September 1953

Dear Grandpa Ed:

Referring to our conversation of last week concerning Anselm Chuh and his desire to enter the United States under the new Immigration Law, I have learned that an additional quota of 2,000 immigrants of Chinese ethnic origin and an additional 3,000 residing within the distance of an American Consular's Office in the Far East who are indigenous to the area, have been provided by the new Act, a copy of which is enclosed.

There is a possibility Mr. Chuh may qualify as an immigrant under this Act when the implementing regulations have been completed. It is expected that these will be put into operation not later than December and Mr. Chuh should keep in close contact with the American Embassy in Tokyo, so that he may be kept advised of recent developments. Naturally, the main effect of the Act is to provide additional quotas over those provided in the McCarran Act of last year and the procedure will probably not differ to any appreciable extent. It would therefore seem that the best procedure to follow would be for Mr. Chuh's daughter, who is not yet an American citizen, to acquire her citizenship at the earliest possible time so that her father could be considered as a special quota immigrant because of his relationship to an American citizen. Otherwise, it is possible that Mr. Chuh could only be considered as an ordinary immigrant and would have to wait until his name comes up on the list. This might take several years as those lists are terribly over-subscribed. I will be sure to follow up this case later on in order to help out Mr. Chuh should anything develop which would make it possible for him to enter the country at an early date.

Love to all,

*Bill*

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

March 16, 1954

Dear Bill:

Please look at the letters I have written Senator Knowland dated January 27, February 4 and March 1 in relation to the Cabrillo statue on Point Loma.

The City of San Diego has taken official action, and I shall be the official representative of the City in presenting the resolution of appreciation, and I believe some other gift which they are planning to send, to the President of Portugal.

The statue is now located on Point Loma, known as the Cabrillo National Park and the attendance is the largest of any national park in the nation, according to official records.

Certainly either Congress could pass a resolution, or the President of the United States could write a letter of appreciation, and I hope I can have the pleasure of presenting same. Perhaps, it would be easier to pass a resolution through Congress and get the President's signature. - I am just thinking aloud.

Can you write me by return airmail what your reaction is to the above and what Senator Knowland has done. I know how busy he is, but I do hope he will turn the matter over to you to get some action of some kind. What do you say?

With love,

GRANDPA

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Mr. William Jaeger  
c/o Senator Knowland's Office  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

March 25, 1954

Mr. William Jaeger  
c/o Senator W. F. Knowland's office  
Senate Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter forwarded to me of recent date. Enclosed find copy of the Resolution #15 passed by the State Legislature which is explanatory; also copy of Resolution as passed by the City.

I want to take something from Washington that will be in acknowledgement and appreciation of the gift from Portugal, if it is only a letter. This is in reference to the Cabrillo statue now located in the Cabrillo National Park on Point Loma. I have asked our worthy Vice President Dick Nixon to do something or get in touch with you.

Anything will do so long as it comes authoritively from Washington, from the President, Vice President or even from the National Park Commission. Certainly, one of the three could write a letter, if nothing more, stating that I am bringing the message so that the old man can have the pleasure of delivering same.

I am enclosing clipping from the San Diego Tribune. I don't like the write-up so much, but I did pull a fast one. The Assembly never did vote in favor of it, so I had to seize the statue.

Everything is all set for us to leave here about the first of May for Europe to see Joan and Tom Burns.

Tell Lila whenever she wants three to five dozen Bird of Paradise they will be forthcoming, if she wants to pull off a party. We hope to see you for a few hours either going or coming.

Thanks a million for everything. You are doing fine.

Very sincerely yours, and with love,

GRANDPA ED

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March 29, 1954

Mr. William Jaeger  
Senator Knowland's Office  
Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have sent Senator Knowland, who understands. I realize it is asking a good deal, but I know you will understand.

Regarding the Cabrillo statue, the City of San Diego has taken official action for me to take the memorial to the President of Portugal. The State Legislature of California is also doing it. If it is nothing more than a letter from the President or the Vice President, or the Director of National Parks, of the U. S., there should be a letter written of appreciation for the gift as the statue is now the most attractive thing in the Cabrillo National Park on Point Loma and no acknowledgement has ever been given.

It was given to the people of California for the Pacific Expedition. It was late in arriving, so a dummy was built, and we have the original today. The location was approved by the Ambassador of Portugal.

I wrote a letter to Dick Nixon about it and you may hear from him, but something should be done to show the Federal Government's appreciation. By the way, who is the ambassador to Portugal? Can you give me the full name and address as I want to get in touch with him when I am in Portugal.

All well here. We have had wonderful rains. - Had a letter from Lawrence from Lisbon. Everything is going fine and it is only a month away when we, too, will be starting for Cairo.

With love to all,

GRANDPA ED

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1 April 1954

Dear Grandpa Ed:

Your letter of March 29 has been received and I am pleased to give you a progress report on the Cabrillo statue situation.

We have been in touch with the Department of State and the Department of Interior and progress is now being made in order to make the arrangements which you desire. It is believed that an official representation from the United States Government to the President of Portugal must be made through diplomatic channels and, on that account, I suggest that it might meet with your full approval and satisfaction if a small ceremony could be arranged at which time you could present the resolutions of thanks from the City and County of San Diego and the State of California, and the Ambassador could present the appreciation of the Federal Government. The Ambassador to Lisbon is M. Robert Guggenheim. I will give you full details when final arrangements are set up and, in the meantime, I would appreciate knowing if there is any reason why this would not be ok.

It was certainly nice to see Lawrence and Lillian when they were on their way through, and we are looking forward to seeing you either before you go to Europe or after your return.

As ever,

*Bill*

Mr. Ed Fletcher  
Ed Fletcher Company  
1020 9th Avenue  
San Diego 1, California

P. S. The Senator will be happy to send a letter of introduction to the American Ambassador to Portugal if you so desire.

April 5, 1954

Mr. William Jaeger  
Office of Senator William Knowland  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

Answering yours of April 1st, will say that I am more than happy to have this matter go through diplomatic channels and through the Ambassador--so much the better.

Your grandmother and I will arrive in Lisbon at 7:50 P.M. on Sunday, June 6th and will stay at the Hotel Aviz, leaving there Wednesday morning at 2:15 A.M. and will be at the Ambassador's command at any time.

I had already received a letter from the Sculptor deBree saying that he had made arrangements for me to meet Premier Salazar, but of course I would by all means rather have it through the Ambassador and have the Sculptor De Bree there so we can present to both of them at the same time the resolutions passed by the City and State.

Shall I write to the Ambassador or not? Or will it be arranged through the diplomatic channels?

Please have Senator Bill write a letter of introduction to the Ambassador to Portugal and also one I can take around with me on the entire trip. I would like to have before I leave here the letter from Bill Knowland to Ambassador Guggenheim.

I may see you in Washington before we leave, but can't tell yet.

As ever,

April 6, 1954

Dear Bill:

As and when official action is taken instructing Ambassador Guggenheim to represent the U. S. Government in Lisbon in the matter of the Cabrillo statue, will you get hold of the Copley Press representative, Frank Maycumber, and give him a copy of the Resolutions as passed by the City of San Diego and State of California, herewith attached. Also, you might have him read a copy of my Memoirs to the Children, from page 418 to 431 so that he can get the background. I would like for him to write up a story about Washington's participation through Ambassador Guggenheim in showing their appreciation for the Cabrillo statue, in Lisbon on the 8th of June. Your Grandmother and I will be there with "bells" on.

If desired, I will have the Copley Press people here request a news item from Maycumber; but, of course, I don't want anything published until all the arrangements are made.

You don't know how happy it all has made me. I wrote the Vice President trying to interest him, but have heard nothing as yet.

Don't forget to have Bill write a letter of introduction to Ambassador Guggenheim - from Senator Knowland.

We will be coming East now in about three weeks and hope to drop down to Washington for a few hours before sailing on the 7th of May.

As ever,

GRANDPA ED

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