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Dear Dr. Brauner:

Enclosed is a draft of a brochure which we propose to print very shortly. Some of the details remain to be filled in on the first page; to give you some idea of the type of phrasing we propose to insert I am enclosing a copy of a brochure which was distributed last summer.

Release of the final EIS tomorrow may simplify our task of trying to describe the proposed development.

There are basically three decisions which we would like to see your organization make. These are:

1. To oppose massive development/^{of M.K.}such as that proposed.
2. To endorse adding M.K. to Sequoia National Park, as being the best way of achieving lasting protection.
3. To join the Coalition to Keep Mineral King Natural.

While we would like to see your organization take all three of these steps, of course it would be possible for you to make the policy decisions involved in 1. and 2., while still choosing not to join the Coalition. Fresno Audubon Society has done this in order not to jeopardize their tax-deductible status; this is because the Coalition will be actively working to achieve passage of the required legislation, and a tax-deductible organization cannot engage in any substantial amount of legislative activity. Except for tax considerations, there seems to be no reason why an organization which supports 1. and ~~2.~~ 2. could not join the Coalition with complete confidence. (Unless you have ~~received~~ applied for and been recognized by the IRS as being a tax-deductible organization, then of course the tax considerations are not relevant.)

Re. the Coalition, there are no dues, no by-laws, no assessments, etc. It is loosely structured, operates on a consensus basis, and its actions certainly could not be considered as binding on the member organizations. Since each organization is free to join or withdraw at any time, we are strongly motivated to try to keep everyone happy.

The main purpose is to provide greater visibility for the fact that our goals are commonly held by a wide spectrum of local citizen groups. We have purposely not included organizations from outside the local area, even though we could have expanded the membership significantly by doing so. In addition to the use of your group's name, of course we assume the implied moral support. Also, we can provide brochures, and hope that you would be able to help distribute them to your membership--and also to

other interested citizens outside your group.

Please let me know what you think of the brochure and whether your group can endorse the policy positions (in 1. and 2. above) and also join the Coalition. If I have not heard from you within two or three days I will try to reach you, as we should be printing the Brochure very shortly.

Sincerely,

George W. Whitmore

(Is "Clean Air" the full name of your group? That is the way I have it in various notes I have written, but I have always been somewhat unsure of the accuracy.)