P. O. Box 485 Kingsburg, CA 93631

24 Jan 74

Dear A & B,

Note enclosed copy of letter to me from Hackamack. Note my marginal notes. It appears he is not aware that Sierra Club policy cells for inclusion of Hetch Hetchy Reservoir within the Wilderness. Do you want to straighten him out? He has a tendency to "make policy" through independent action of his own--like his old plan to remove Hetch Hetchy and Eleanor from the Park.

Note Hackamack's "corresponding" with Dick Leonard re. Eleanor.

AMBRICA Again, note that he has asked the Yosemite superintendent to oppose any new dam. I wonder whether Hackamack is aware that Sierra Club policy calls for eventual removal of the present dam.

Perhaps the proper response to the latter situation would be for you to ask Dick Leonard what's going on. I can't see what would have prompted the correspondence between him and Hackamack unless there has been some new development.

Re. Badger Pass, Clusen says he can't contact the NPS re. their dastardly performance until he knows exactly what physical changes were made. Did you get the details from John Good when you were up there? Or perhaps you got the information in some other way. If Clusen has not contacted you seeking this information, I suggest you contact him. Otherwise nothing is going to happen. I would appreciate a copy of your letter to Clusen so I will know what the extent of our knowledge is. If we already have the facts Clusen is seeking then there is no point in my bugging people any further about it.

Have you heard that Craig Hosmer has announced that he will not run for Congress again? And that Maillard will presumably resign, pontingent upon his being confirmed to some foreign post for which he has been nominated? Clusen says he thinks that SJW is just about ripe for a big push. Have you discussed this with him? It is one reason why I want a separate bill for SJW. I told Clusen that I would accept having SJW in the omnibus instead of in a separate bill only if it was not possible to get a separate bill.

Note the enclosed page I have written re. Sierra Club/wildlife/firearms. This affects Wilderness, including the SJW:: Please act on it.

Sincerely,

G & F

* TO A. 613. Chosteen, dated 24 Jon 74

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12 March 1974

Honorable Richard M. Nixon The White House Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am extremely disturbed by the enclosed clipping from the March 8 issue of the Wall Street Journal.

As a life-long Republican and conservative, I have also been a life-long environmentalist. This is no contradiction, because conservation is basically a conservative philosophy. The sharing of the same word root is not mere coincidence.

At the same time, it must be acknowledged that, by and large, those who call themselves "liberal" have been permitted to pre-empt the environmental arena. The conservatives have abandoned their own philosophy and have done themselves--and the environment--immense harm in the process.

I am fully aware of some of the fine environmental positions -you have taken in the past. These have been good for the country, good for the Republican party, and good for you personally.

That is why I am distressed to learn that you apparently are reversing some of those positions you have previously supported. And all in the name of politics, of knuckling under to the special interests, of catering to those who call themselves "conservative" but who have not the slightest conception of the traditional meaning of that philosophy.

Your reversal of earlier environmental positions is damaging to the country, to the party, and to yourself. Please do not permit permanent weakening of the clean-air rules; please support those land-use planning principles which you supported until just recently; and please let stand your earlier prohibition of the cross-Florida canal.

In short, please do not give the Democrats further proof of that which they claim--that Republicans are for the special interests and against the environment.

Thank you.

With respect and good wishes,