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January 31, 1939

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Your interest in conservation and the development of natural resources is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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M. M. Carpenter, Esq., x
Chairman,
~~Arizona Small Mine Operators Association,~~
Tucson, x
Arizona.

Enclosure

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January 30, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. M. H. McINTYRE:

Attached for your consideration are drafts of replies concerning the Kofa and Gabeza Prieta Highera ^X ^X Ranges in the State of Arizona to the following correspondents:

Mr. Lynn Lockhart, Chairman,
Democratic State Central Committee,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. M. E. Carpenter, Chairman,
Arizona Small Mine Operators Association,
Tucson, Arizona.

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letter in 378.*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

Mr. M. M. Carpenter, Chairman,
Arizona Small Mine Operators Association,
Tucson, Arizona.

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Very truly yours,

January 16, 1939

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ^{x 6}
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ^{x 1}

For consideration in connection with the
President's memorandum of December 28, 1938
transmitting a letter from Mr. Lynn Lockhart,
Chairman, Democratic State Central Committee,
Phoenix, Arizona.

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

To the Pres., 1/5/39 from M. M. Carpenter, Esq., Chairman, Arizona
Small Mine Operators Assn., 914 Valley Bank Bldg., Tucson, Ariz.

Writer criticizes Mr. Lockhart's letter to the Pres. in re: conservation
of wild life in Arizona. Writer's objection lies in plan to withdraw
more mineral ground from small amount now left where possible discoveries
may be made.

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TUCSON COUNCIL
ARIZONA SMALL MINE OPERATORS
ASSOCIATION

MILES M. CARPENTER, CHAIRMAN
BEN SHANTZ, SECRETARY

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
914 VALLEY BANK BLDG.
P. O. BOX 1609
TUCSON, ARIZONA

January 5, 1939

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. President:

There has come to our attention a copy of a letter sent to you under date of December 20, 1938, on Democratic State Central Committee letterhead and signed by Mr. Lynn Lockhart, Chairman of the Committee, setting forth certain statements and claims that are not subscribed to by many of our members.

These worthy citizens are probably just as seriously interested in preserving the beauties and the wild life of Arizona as are the politicians, Boy Scouts, and sportsmen of the State, but they are also interested in preserving for themselves and posterity the right to prospect mineral ground and to qualify for ownership of such ground when proven valuable.

Various encroachments--National Monuments, Parks, Grazing Land withdrawals, etc., all worthy things in themselves--have seriously reduced the available territory in which mineral prospecting may be done.

We do not feel that Governor R. T. Jones is looking solely to the advice of Mr. Lockhart as to what to do with the State Game Department. We feel that any acts to which he may be a party will be undertaken after a somewhat more thorough and just consideration of the problem.

We agree that it would be unfortunate if the Big Horn Mountain Sheep should pass into history; nevertheless we feel that there are things at stake far more important than whether a certain species of sheep shall continue to live in the United States. Surely our citizens should have more consideration than our sheep.

Mr. Lockhart professes to be "unhappy". Unfortunately he is not unhappy over the plight of our citizens who are now or who will in the future be interested in prospecting for minerals and in the development of discoveries. His sadness is occasioned by his desire to see the Biological Survey administer the areas proposed as Refuges, instead of some other worthy and capable branch of the Government. We have no quarrel with any of these departments; they are all doing their work admirably as far as we know. Our objection is to the plan to withdraw more mineral ground from the little that is now left where possible discoveries may be made.

Possibly this situation could be relieved if provision could be made for the protection of these Big Horn Sheep without prohibiting mineral exploration and the benefits connected therewith. It is probably true that some sheep would be killed

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by irresponsible persons or because of the prompting of urgent need for food, but surely these unfortunate acts would not justify such a gross encroachment on the rights of our citizens who are of the type that has been the backbone of our Western civilization.

Mr. Lockhart has presented some impressive figures--or rather, they would be if they were literally true, which they are not. Arizona may have 32,000 sportsmen of all sorts, but in all probability not more than fifty of them would even be interested in hunting these sheep (when and if they are to be hunted), and probably most of those could not arrange to do so. Of course if 32,000 hunters are to attack the Big Horns at once, the per capita acreage involved is a little low for safety, as there would be one hunter to each 48 acres.

Seriously, Mr. President, there are now in Arizona over 15,000 men who are making their living from the mineral industries, or trying to do so. Allowing only three persons to a family, this makes 45,000 people who have a deep and direct interest in the welfare of these industries. Surely these citizens have rights superior to those of Boy Scouts and sportsmen.

Of these two proposed Refuges, that one known as the "Kofa Refuge" embraces a known mineral area that has already produced, according to the records, almost \$10,000,000, mostly in gold. From this area and from the adjoining districts over \$20,000,000 has been produced. Such facts mean that this general area is most attractive for mineral exploration, and we have few areas that offer our prospectors such encouragement and hope. Should this land be withdrawn and no provision made for mineral entry, that act would deprive Yuma County of one of its most attractive and promising mineral districts.

The other proposed Refuge, known as "Cabeza Prieta Refuge", lying along the International Boundary, might not include such important mineral resources as the Kofa Refuge, but this is not an established fact. Little is known of this area in this regard, but there are indications that it may have great latent value.

We do not know who is helping Mr. Lockhart "fiddle while Rome burns", as he has so pointedly stated in his letter, but, Mr. President, The Arizona Small Mine Operators Association is not fiddling. It is working, not merely for the selfish interests of its members, but also for the good of our State and of the Nation as a whole.

We beg you to consider this situation in its true perspective. Who should have the most consideration--a few Big Horn Sheep, slated to become the victims of a handful of hunters, or the God-given rights of those among our citizens who have been one of the most potent forces in the development of the West?

Respectfully yours,

Executive Committee, ~~Tucson Council~~ X
ARIZONA SMALL MINE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION

M. M. Carpenter
Chairman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

378.

January 26, 1939

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My dear Mr. Wickstrum:

I have received your telegram of January 8, urging the establishment of the Kofa and Cabeza Prieta Game Ranges under the administration of the Bureau of Biological Survey, Department of Agriculture.

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The administration of these areas has been given careful consideration and I believe the Executive Order, which I have just signed, will solve the problem. This order sets up a limited game range within the grazing district and protects the interests of prospectors as well as those of the stockmen, while at the same time taking care of the matter of the preservation of the Big Horn sheep.

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Very sincerely,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

Mr. R. K. Wickstrum, x
President,
Arizona Game Protective Association,
Phoenix, Arizona.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 26, 1939

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My dear Mr. Wickstrom:

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Mr. R. K. Wickstrom,
President,
Arizona Game Protective Association,
Phoenix, Arizona.

DRAFT REPLY SENT TO THE
WHITE HOUSE FOR SIGNATURE

JAN 26 1939

COPY FOR WHITE HOUSE FILES

*Federal Register Advises that
the Executive Order was signed
January 25*

FOR WHITE HOUSE SIGNATURE

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 10, 1939.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

FOR PREPARATION OF REPLY
FOR MY SIGNATURE.

F. D. R.

Telegram from R. K. Wickstrum,
President, Arizona Game Protective Assn.,
Phoenix, ~~Ark~~ Arizona, 1/8/39 to the President.
Quotes telegram sent to Senator Hayden asking
that he use his influence to the end that Two Big
Horn Mount/^{ain} Sheep Refuges in Arizona are
established as planned under Biological Survey.
(Kofa Mountain and Cabeza Prieta Refuges)

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 AS YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN INFORMED PASSED RESOLUTION AT
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 ORDERS DRAWN UP DECEMBER 1937 BY THE SECRETARY OF
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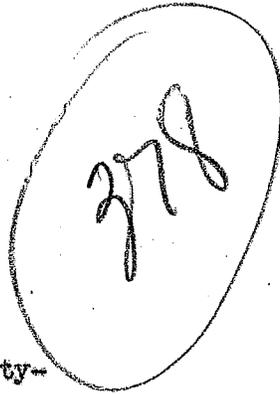
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RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE THE PRESERVATION OF THE
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IN ARRIVING AT YOUR DECISION AND THAT YOU READ RESOLUTION
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WICKSTRUM PRESIDENT.

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DIV. OF GRAZING

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January 26, 1939.



My dear Mr. Secretary:

The President on January twenty-fifth signed two Executive orders, one of which establishes the Kofa Game Range and the other the Cabeza Prieta Game Range in Arizona, as recommended by you.

Very sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

The Honorable,
The Secretary of the Interior,
Washington, D. C.

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OFFICE OF THE
FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

January 23, 1939

MEMORANDUM for Mr. Forster,
White House.

When the attached Executive Order is signed, I wonder if you would be kind enough to call me on the telephone as the publicity requires special handling.

Handwritten notes:
About 1/24/39
1/24/39

Signature: E. K. Burlew

E. K. BURLEW,
First Assistant Secretary

Signature: Fitzgerald



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

January 24, 1939.

Through Division of the Federal Register

The President,

The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting revised drafts of two proposed Executive orders, one of which establishes the Kofa Game Range and the other the Cabeza Prieta Game Range in Arizona.

The proposed orders, presented by the Secretary of the Interior upon behalf of the Secretary of Agriculture and forwarded for my consideration by the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget this date, have been revised slightly as to form but no change has been made in substance. I approve the revised drafts of the orders as to form and legality.

Respectfully,

Franklin D. Roosevelt
Attorney General.

*Sgd 1/25
Andrew 1/26/39*

JAN 24 1939

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Herewith are two proposed Executive Orders establishing the Kofa Game Range, Arizona, and the Cabeza Prieta Game Range, Arizona.

The proposed orders, transmitted to the Department of the Interior by the Secretary of Agriculture, are forwarded through prescribed channels by the Secretary of the Interior for presentation to the President.

The Secretary of the Interior states that the orders have for their purpose the conserving and developing of the natural wildlife resources in the areas and the protection and improvement of public grazing lands and natural resources, and that they will create a priority on the range for a balanced wildlife population, and the surplus forage resources will be available for domestic livestock under proper limitations to prevent waste of natural resources. The Secretary also points out that the proposed orders provide for the joint jurisdiction of the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture in making rules and regulations to accomplish the purposes of the orders.

These orders have my approval as to form.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) D. W. BELL

Acting Director.

The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

Enclosures:

Letter, Secretary of the Interior, 1-23-39,
Drafts of two proposed Executive Orders,
Memorandum for Mr. Forster from the First
Assistant Secretary of the Interior,
1-23-39.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

JAN 23 1939

Through the Bureau of the Budget,
Through the Attorney General,
Through the Division of the
Federal Register.

The President,

The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I submit drafts of Executive orders to establish the Kofa and Cabeza Prieta Game Ranges in Arizona, which were transmitted to this Department by the Secretary of Agriculture.

These orders have for their purpose the conserving and developing of the natural wildlife resources in the areas and the protection and improvement of public grazing lands and natural forage resources. The orders will create a priority on the range for a balanced wildlife population, and the surplus forage resources will be available for domestic livestock under proper limitations to prevent waste of natural resources.

The entire areas are included in Arizona Grazing District No. 3, established by Departmental order of July 14, 1938. This action affords no obstacle to the proposed Executive orders which recognize that use of the land by game and domestic stock will be in common, subject to the conditions stated therein, except as to the lands within the exterior limits of the areas described in the orders, acquired and to be acquired by the United States for the use of the Department of Agriculture for conservation of migratory birds and other wildlife, which shall be, and remain under the exclusive administration of the Secretary of Agriculture and may be utilized for public grazing purposes only to such extent as may be determined by the said Secretary to be compatible with the utilization of said lands for the purposes for which they were acquired. The proposed orders provide for the joint jurisdiction of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture in making rules and regulations to accomplish the purposes of the orders.

I recommend that you sign the enclosed drafts and cause them and the accompanying copies thereof to be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Federal Register, National Archives.

Sincerely yours,

Harold I. Pokes

Secretary of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Washington

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As a result of discussions with representatives of your Department, I am glad to transmit herewith for your consideration and approval drafts of proposed Executive orders creating the Kofa and Cabeza Prieta Game Ranges.

The drafts of the orders provide for the joint jurisdiction of the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture in making such rules and regulations for the protection, administration, regulation, and improvement of the ranges.

If these proposed orders meet with your favorable consideration, it will be appreciated if you will take the necessary steps toward transmitting them to the President for his approval.

Sincerely,

(Sgd.)

H A Wallace

Secretary.

Enclosures.

SUGGESTED BY SECRETARY WALLACE

OK for FDR's approval

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January 31, 1939

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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January 30, 1939.

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Tucson, Arizona.

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H A Wallace

Secretary.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

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Will you be good enough
to prepare a joint reply to the
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F. D. R.

Letter from Lynn Lockhart, Chairman, Democratic
State Central Committee, Phoenix, Arizona,
12/20/38 to the President. States that those
who are interested in the conservation of wild
life in Arizona are not satisfied with the manner
in which some of the Departments are handling
conservation problems in in the State of Arizona.
Encloses resolution passed by the Arizona Game
Protective Assn., Resolution passed by the
Arizona Boy Scouts, map indicating the area required
x69 x letter to 30 agencies from Boy Scouts, appeal to
Cattle Growers by George Miller, memorandum "Shall
We Save the Sheep" by Dr. C. T. Vorhies, University
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Handwritten signature/initials

of Arizona, proposed Executive Order establishing Cabeza Prieta Bighorn Refuge, Arizona and proposed Executive Order establishing Kofa Bighorn Refuge. Mr. Lockhart asks that the Refuges be established to the Biological Survey under the above-mentioned Executive Orders.

Democratic State Central Committee

Headquarters: Seventh Ave. and Washington St.
PHOENIX  ARIZONA

Vote the Democratic Ticket Straight

December 20, 1938.

U. S. Senator
Carl Hayden

U. S. Congressman
John R. Murdock

Judge of Supreme Court
A. G. McAlister

Governor

R. T. (Bob) Jones

Secretary of State
Harry M. Moore

Attorney General
Joe Conway

State Auditor
Ana Frohmiller

State Treasurer
William (Bill) Petersen

Supt. of Public Instruction
H. E. Hendrix

Corporation Commissioner
Wilson T. Wright

Mine Inspector
Tom C. Foster

State Tax Commissioner
Thad M. Moore

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

Those of us who are interested in the conservation of wild life in Arizona are not at all happy over the manner in which some of your Departments are handling conservation problems in this State.

As our mutual friend, Jim Farley, will testify, it was my pleasure and privilege to manage the primary and general election campaigns of Governor-elect R. T. (Bob) Jones.

From the very first day that I arrived in this state, I have in my humble but very definite sort of way endeavored to the best of my ability to do any and all things necessary for the conservation of the wildlife resources of this state. From May 17, 1931 to January 25, 1937, I served as a Member of the Arizona State Game Commission. During this period, I was chairman of the Commission from August 7, 1931 to January 25, 1937. Although for the last two years I have not been a member of the Commission, my interest in the welfare of that Department has never been lacking, and Mr. Wm. Sawtelle, State Game Warden, whom I first placed in the Service, has held over and has been doing an excellent job in administering the affairs of that Department.

When Governor-elect Bob Jones goes into office in January, I again find that he is expecting me to give him advice and counsel as to what to do with the State Game Department.

During all of these many years that I have had something to do with the State management of the wildlife problems of this state, there has been one Federal department that has done every and all things possible to support our state conservation program. I refer to none other than your Bureau of Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture, as headed by your Secretary of Agriculture, Henry Wallace, Chief Ira N. Gabrielson and down in this neck of the woods, Region #3, Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, by my life-long friend, Don A. Gilchrist, Regional Director.

We don't know how you feel about it, but we consider that the Biological Survey is the national wildlife service of this country,

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and why shouldn't they be? The records indicate that they were first established as a division of ornithology in the Department of Agriculture in 1885. At any rate, they have been doing a swell job down here in assisting our State Game Department in the establishment of wildlife refuges, enforcement of federal and state game laws, and control of predatory animals and rodent pests which do so much to injure the livestock, wildlife and natural habitat of wildlife in Arizona.

The thing that we are unhappy about is this. During November and December, 1937, it was proposed to set aside by Executive Order approximately 4,000,000 acres of land for the preservation of our Bighorn mountain sheep. The people of Yuma County, our State Land Department, etc. felt that the withdrawal proposed was too large for the actual needs necessary to save the mountain sheep, and as a result of our negotiations which took place in Senator Hayden's office, the proposed refuges were reduced in size from approximately 4,000,000 to 1,500,000 acres.

It is my understanding that the National Park Service promised Senator Carl Hayden not to interfere with the setting up of these refuges, namely, Kofa Mountain Refuge, 672,500 acres, and the Cabeza Prieta Refuge, 841,440 acres, to the Biological Survey under Executive Orders as per copies attached. However, I am informed that the Park Service did interfere with the setting up of these refuges to the Biological Survey by directly or indirectly taking part in what they, the Park Service, thought a clever scheme to ride rough shod over the wishes of the people of this state and our Senators and establish a grazing district not only on the 1,500,000 acres which we wanted for the Biological Survey refuges, but over 7,000,000 in a division of grazing.

An agreement was then made between the Division of Grazing and the Park Service whereby they would do something to preserve the Bighorns. We have the greatest of respect for the Park Service and their ability to preserve things of natural beauty, etc. but they are practically a new service and when it comes to wildlife problems, we will take your little old Biological Survey with their years of experience; \$1,000,000.00 to \$3,000,000.00 in Pittman-Robertson Act wildlife restoration project money, \$783,000.00 duck stamp money for refuges, funds for predator control, wildlife research information which we need, etc.

Only a week ago your Division of Grazing and Park Service endeavored to have us sign an agreement with them over the protection of the Bighorn mountain sheep. The Arizona Game Commission refused to sign such an agreement, as we wish the Executive Orders, copies herewith attached, passed and the areas placed under the exclusive administration of the Biological Survey.

Although the Division of Grazing and the Park Service have moved in where we did not want them, we see no reason why you cannot pass these Executive Orders and set these areas aside to the Biological Survey, who

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we know will fully cooperate with our State Game Department in the way we want the project managed.

In order that you may know how we feel about this matter, I am inclosing herewith the following material urging that the tract be turned over to the U. S. Biological Survey

1. Resolution passed by the Arizona Game Protective Association.
2. Resolution passed by the Arizona Boy Scouts.
3. Map indicating the area required.
4. Letter to 50 agencies from Boy Scouts.
5. Appeal to Cattle Growers by George Miller.
6. "Shall We Save the Sheep" by Dr. C. T. Vorhies, University of Arizona.
7. Proposed Executive Order:
Cabeza Prieta Bighorn Refuge 861,440 acres.
8. Kofa Bighorn Refuge, 672,500 acres.

It is our understanding that Senator Carl Hayden will call a meeting early in January of the heads of the Biological Survey, Division of Grazing, and National Park Service, and endeavor to get the various agencies to agree to the Biological Survey's administering of these problems.

It is our recommendation that you give every consideration to setting these areas aside to the Biological Survey.

The Biological Survey does not own one single acre of land in Arizona. We hear all about their 28 CCC camps doing things in other states for wildlife. Why not straighten this matter out and give them the refuges and have a CCC camp in here every winter for three years at Wellton to develop these refuges like the Biological Survey developed the Wichita Refuge in Oklahoma.

The personnel of the CCC camps are designated by our members in Congress, and we are anxious that our members in Congress receive some credit for the conservation of wildlife and creating better hunting opportunities for the 32,000 sportsmen of this state.

Please give this matter every consideration, as while we fiddle, Rome burns, and if this matter is not turned over to the Biological Survey at an early date, there isn't going to be any wildlife to save. The Mexican Government, we understand, is ready to set aside an area of equal acreage to save the Bighorns. Mr. Morales Gonzalez, Mexican Consul, Phoenix, Arizona, is cooperating. Mexico will set aside a similar area, which is reassuring, as the Bighorns go back and forth from United States to Mexico according to moisture conditions.

Very truly yours,



Chairman,
Democratic State Central Committee

Copies of the attached letter sent to the following:

Hon. James Farley, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C.
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