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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

March 6, 1964

Honorable E. Ogden Bush
The Senate
State of New York
Albany, New York

Dear Doc:

I am enclosing a copy of H. R. 3846,
the "Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of
1963", as you requested.

Please let me know when I can be of
assistance again.

Very cordially yours,



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A great deal will be said and written about the Presidential Primary in New Hampshire, or, should we say, the Primary Circus. One of the Southerners said to me the other day: "Well, Ma'am, you sure have to hand it to those Yankees. They are raking in enough money up there to keep that State going for a long time, and they are at liberty go to out and vote for someone who hasn't even spent a thin dime." How true. How refreshing this is. It restores one's faith in human nature.

Whatever the New Hampshire Primary proves, it does prove that all the Madison Avenue smartness, all the money, cannot insure victory. After the dust has cleared, here is a victory for a write-in candidate who still says he will not be a candidate for President, a man who has not spoken one word in the campaign, a man who has not spent a dollar, even for gasoline, and who wins by a plurality of 11,711 or 12.4% over his nearest competitor. Could it be that the average voter is getting wise to the tricks of the political trade? If this is true, we can all join hands and give most humble thanks to the voters of the State of New Hampshire.

The concensus of opinion among Members of the House, and I am not entirely in agreement with this opinion, is that the two top candidates have knocked each other out and that the Republican Party will have to look elsewhere for a winner.

One of the most important issues in the forthcoming campaign should be political and personal honesty and morality in Government. The house needs a thorough airing and cleaning and the time to do it is at the next election through the voters. There is no doubt that very assiduous efforts are being made to sweep the Bobby Baker scandal under the rug. This should not be allowed to happen. There are too many things that should be explained long before the case is dismissed or the Senate investigation closed. The latest figures on his financial affairs show that the former secretary to the Senate majority, in about five years, borrowed more than 2.5 million dollars from 22 lending institutions. Some of these loans were unsecured--made on the strength of Mr. Baker's key job as a right-hand man to Senate leaders. Others were secured by pledges of stocks and bonds. About 1.7 million of the borrowed money was for Mr. Baker's personal account. The rest was in loans to enterprises in which he had an interest. The tally on the Baker loans was made a part of the official record of the Senate Rules Committee on March 3. The Committee is seeking to determine whether Mr. Baker used his position as a \$19,600-a-year Senate employeeto his own advantage. The Committee's summary, covering the period from Jan. 1, 1959 through Nov. 1, 1963, listed 51 loans for a total of \$2,509,338. Of that amount, Mr. Baker's apparent personal interest came to \$1,533,538.

There is also considerable concern over conditions in our State Department. It seems incredible that all the mistakes made to assist the aims of the communist dictatorships all over the world are done inadvertently. I was privileged to meet and hear a

very well-informed Britisher the other day who said he was very sure that there was a small, but efficient, communist cell in the British Foreign Office, and that this was doubtless true of our own State Department. Well, this should be looked into, at once. Let's do a thorough job of it and let the chips fall where they may.

The New York Journal American of March 2nd had an interesting account of some of the things that had been going on in Poland. If these stories that rival any of the best "spy thrillers" are true, let's find out and put an end to this whole dirty business:

"Did the beautiful Polish girls trap four American diplomats in compromising situations so that they could be blackmailed into a spy network?"

"Did agents of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency in Austria pay out 1.2 million dollars to Communists--a third of it to the Russian secret police?"

"Is there a Soviet spy in every U. S. embassy abroad, in every agency in Washington except the FBI?"

Let's find out.

Senator Proxmire, in commenting on the beef amendment recently, urged consideration of the dairy import problem as well. The Senator remarked, quite rightly:

"The Record should show loud and clear that the present importation of dairy products is evading section 22, is costing the taxpayer millions of dollars a year, is adding to the dairy surplus, and is putting downward pressure on the cruelly low present price support for milk."

To cheer you on your way, the following editorial from our old friend, The Walden Citizen Herald, came to my desk the other day, and I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did:

HOW HEW HELPS US

When the Federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare was organized the American people were assured it was to be a vital arm of Government, deeply concerned with grave problems within the field of its jurisdiction.

Undoubtedly it has addressed itself to such problems, but it also has built up a bureaucracy that has had plenty of time and taxpayer money to indulge in some of the most ridiculous frivols in American Government.

For example, if one isn't hep to watching a football game with a practiced eye, the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare will step in to prevent any possible embarrassment. HEW has a pamphlet, available to anyone free of charge, giving instructions in this vital subject. It is entitled: "How to Watch a Football Game."

Are you having trouble bowling? Maybe you're baffled by the mysteries of the score sheet. If so, your worries are over; HEW will provide you free with an unabridged edition of "Bowling Scoring."

And what about roller skating? Don't just put on skates and head for the nearest sidewalk. First write to good old HEW and get your copy of a free pamphlet on how to roller skate. Better get one; you've been paying for it.

The game of bridge apparently has come into the scope of health, education, or welfare, for HEW has written a pamphlet, yours for the asking, on how to play bridge.

Not oblivious to the problems of the lonesome male, HEW has compiled prolific information on girl watching into a handy manual. Under the title, "Directory of Girls, Category 13," labeled "The Untouchables," this definition by HEW should prove interesting: "The girls that have a tendency to cry easily or have chronic complaints or appear to be nervous most of the time are the emotionals."

Under classification 19, "The Unmentionables" are defined as follows: "The unmentionables are not in the watchable category because they are generally those girls out of the past and you don't mention them to the wife or current date."

These are but a few examples of how the Federal Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is spending your money in its massive program to improve the health, the education and the welfare of the American people.

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E. OGDEN BUSH
34TH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON
CONSERVATION

THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

February 17, 1964

The Hon. Katharine S.t. George
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cassie,

Inclosed is a letter which I have received from
a young man by the name of George Ora Thomson of Hamden
New York.

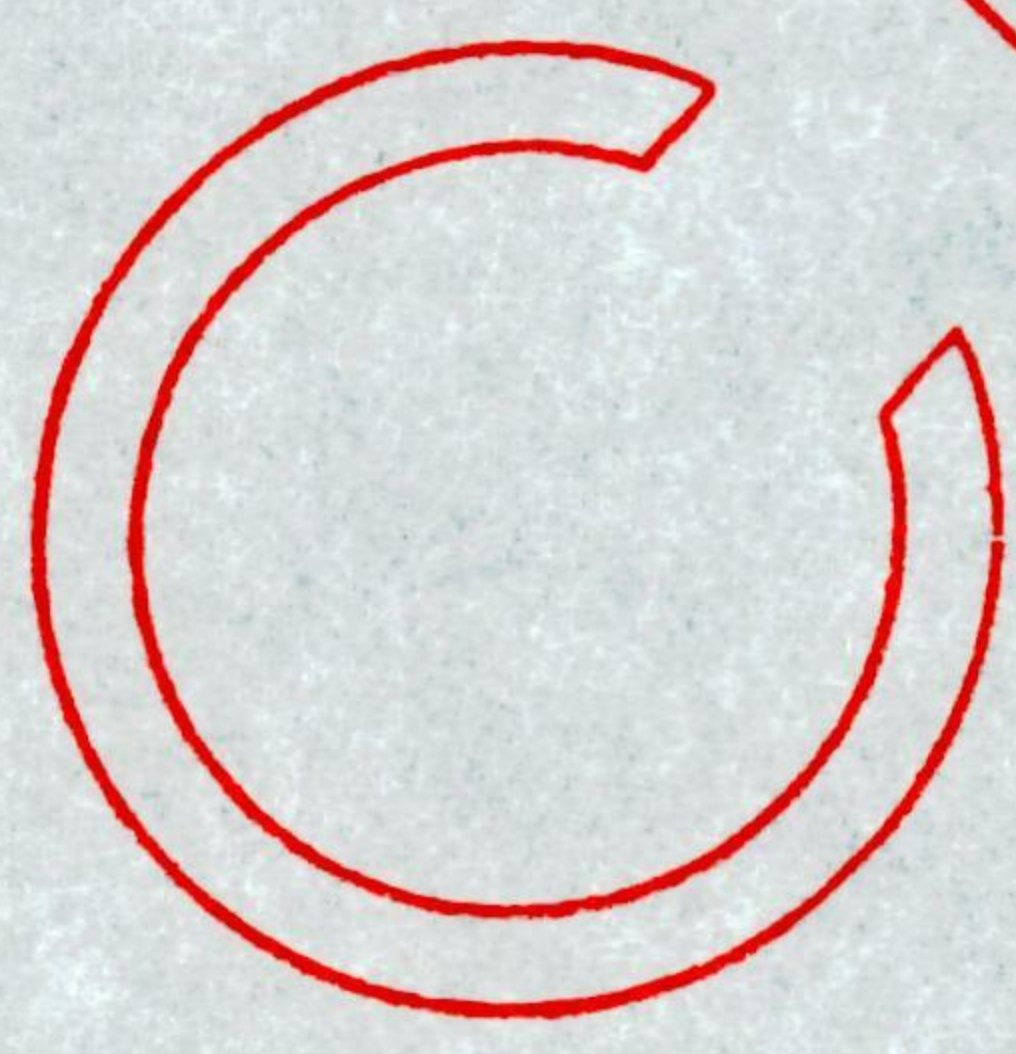
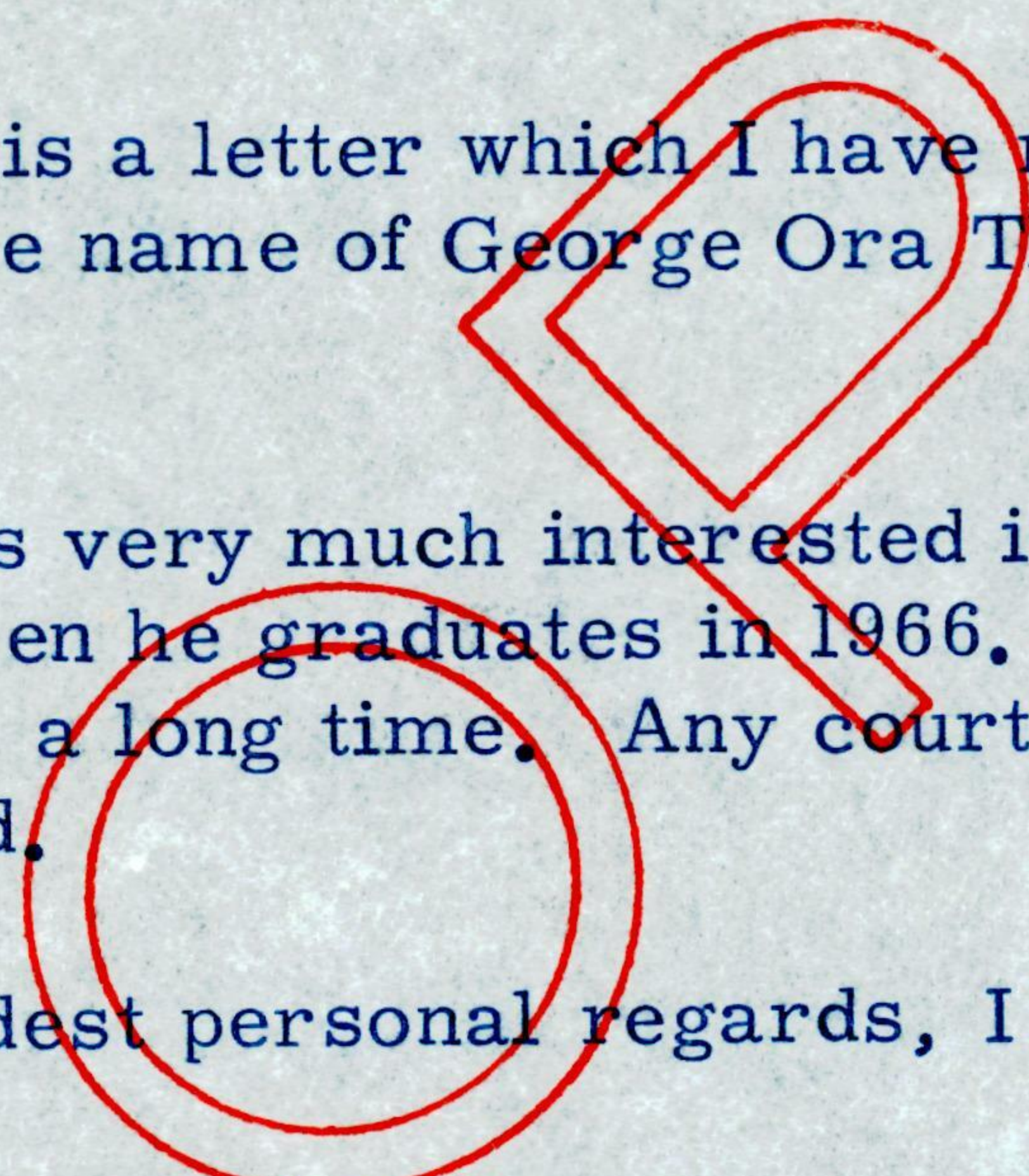
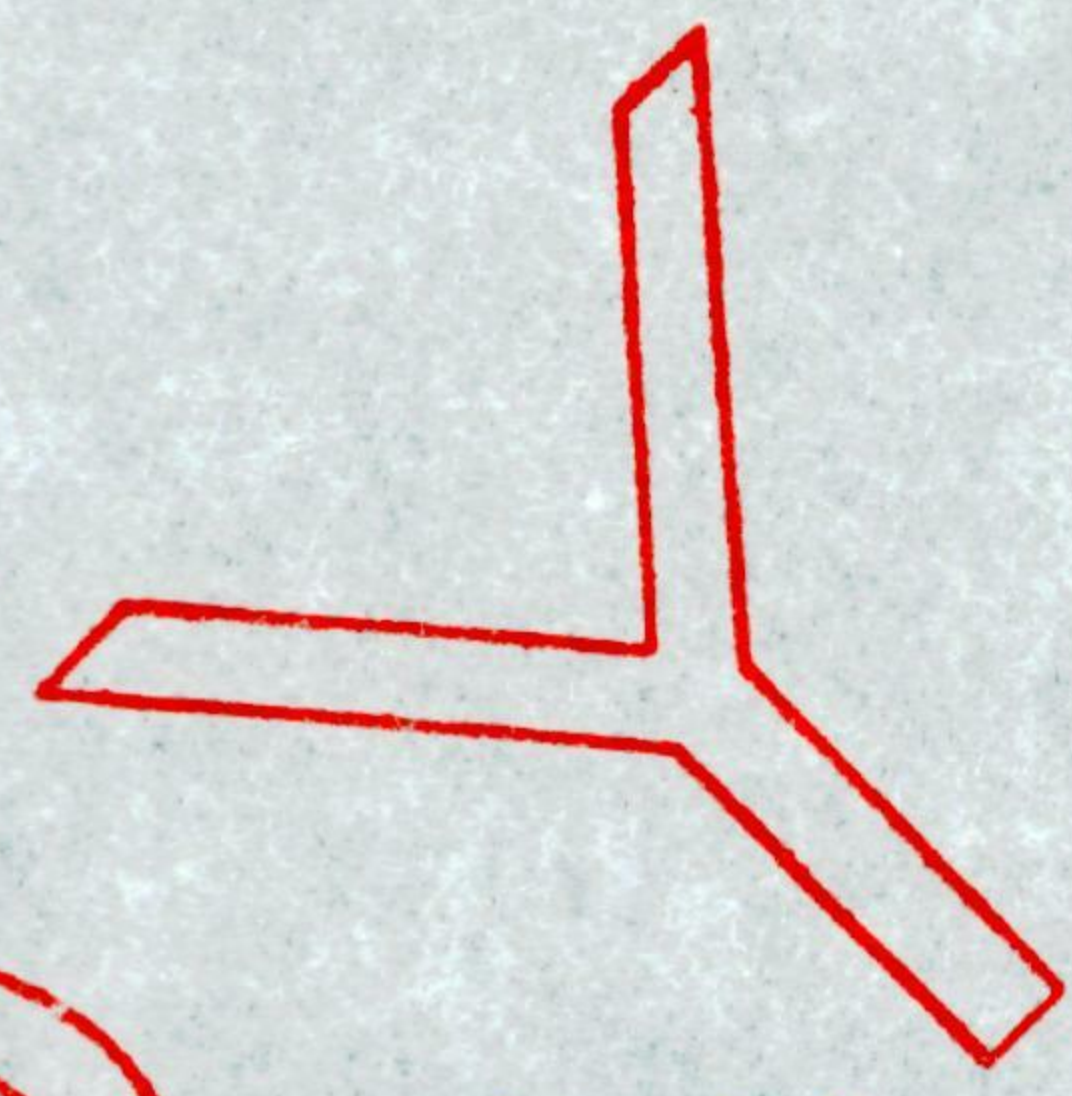
George is very much interested in being considered
for West Point when he graduates in 1966. I have known him
and his family for a long time. Any courtesy you can show him
will be appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

As always,

E. Ogden Bush

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E. OGDEN BUSH
34TH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON
CONSERVATION



THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

February 17, 1964

Mr. George Ora Thomson
Hamden
New York

Dear George,

Inclosed is a copy of a letter which I have today sent to Representative Katharine St. George. I am sure you will be hearing from her office.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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E. OGDEN BUSH
34TH DISTRICT
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CONSERVATION

THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

March 30, 1964

Honorable Katherine St. George
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cassie,

I am enclosing a letter I received from one of our local boys, S/Sgt. Albert Closs.

See if there is anything you can do for him, please. Hope all is well with you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

As always,

E. Ogden Bush

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March 24, 1964

The Hon. Katharine St. George
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cassie,

I have been asked to write you regarding James W. Dyer who has applied to the United States Air Force Academy.

I am sure he has more than the necessary qualifications for the Academy. I am advised that he has a 90 average at school and ranks sixth in a class of 68; has been active in the Boy Scout Organization for seven years and now holds the rank of Life Scout. In addition to this he has been an active youth leader in his church and has also worked seven years in the 4-H group in addition to school activities and organizations.

His grandfather is G. Earl Nesbitt of South Kortright, New York, who was a former Republican Committeeman for the Town and his dad is William J. Dyer who served with the 8th Air Force in England during WW II and is now 80% disabled as a result of his service.

Anything that you may be able to do will be greatly appreciated.

With kindest personal regards, I am

As always,

E. Ogden Bush

Route #1
Unadilla, New York
13849
March 16, 1964

Honorable E. Ogden Bush
New York State Senator
Walton, New York

Dear Senator Bush:

At my request, Congresswoman Katharine St. George has sent me an application to complete for a preliminary qualifying examination for admittance to the United States Air Force Academy. It is to be accompanied by three letters of reference.

My grandfather is G. Earl Nesbitt of South Kortright, N.Y. (a former Republican Committeeman of the Town of Kortright) and he suggested I write you for a letter of reference.

I would like to request an interview with you, but realize that you are very busy at this time. In lieu of a personal interview if one cannot be arranged, I would like to present some facts concerning myself.

Mr. John Clark of Walton (UN 5 - 4131) who is liaison officer for the Academy called at my home. He would be willing to give you his impressions.

My guidance advisor at School has given me the information that my class average is 90, and that in a class of 68, I rank as Number 6.

During the past seven years I have been active in the Boy Scout Organization and hold the Rank of Life Scout. On February 25th, I received my last qualifying merit badges to permit me to apply for an examination before the Eagle Board. I was a Den Chief, Junior Patrol and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Member of the Arrow and Brotherhood. (The latter two are advanced scouting ranks. Mr. Hazen Ross, Scout Executive of Oneonta, N.Y. (GE 2 - 0451) would be pleased to discuss my record with you.

In my church I am treasurer of the Sunday School Department and usher during services, in addition to working with my minister on the Scout God & Country Award. I am active, too, in the church youth activities, both local and county.

Senator Bush
March 16, 1964

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My seven years of 4-H work of vegetable gardening, landscaping and entomology have resulted in my being named Delaware County Entomology Champion in 1963 receiving a gold medal award from the Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Ward McMillen is the 4-H County Agent of Delhi (Delhi - 259). During the summers of 1961, 1962 and 1963, I worked on the farm of Herbert Hait, Hobart, N.Y. (LE 8 - 3573). Mr. McMillen is also familiar with my association and work at the Hait's.

In school I have been a member of the Student Council two years, a member of Yorkers Historical Association, Library Club, Rifle Club, Safety Patrol and Fire Patrol, and a member of the baseball and football teams.

My father is William J. Dyer, whose home was Hobart, N.Y. He was a member of the 8th Air Force in England during WWII and honorably discharged with an 80% disability.

The foregoing information is submitted that you may make a selection of the items you wish to use. I believe you would be interested in knowing that I am asking Judge Terry for a letter in his official capacity as President of the Otschodela Council of Boy Scouts.

Truly yours,



James W. Dyer



E. OGDEN BUSH
34TH DISTRICT
CHAIRMAN
COMMITTEE ON
CONSERVATION

THE SENATE
STATE OF NEW YORK
ALBANY

March 2, 1964

The Hon. Katharine St. George
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Cassie,

I should very much appreciate it if you would send to me a copy of HR 3846. Some ladies from my district visited me last week and expressed interest in this legislation.

With kindest personal regards, I am

As always,

E. Ogden Bush

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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Fellow Conservationist:

This appeal is addressed to you because you value the parks, forests, shorelines, sparkling waters and wildlife of our outdoor heritage.

This year more than a million acres of the American landscape will be engulfed by urban sprawl. Already, many existing parks, beaches and campgrounds often are so overcrowded that families seeking the outdoors must be turned away. Within the next 35 years our population will nearly double and outdoor recreation demand will at least triple.

If public outdoor recreation needs are to be met, we must set aside more of our remaining outdoor resources within the next few critical years--while they are available and before ever-mounting land costs become prohibitive. And we must develop these areas for public use.

This requires money--a modest amount compared with expenditures for other public needs--but much more than is now being invested in outdoor recreation at all levels of government.

What can we do about it? What can you do about it?

One immediate thing you can do is ask your Congressman to support the Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill (H.R. 3846) now being considered by Congress.

No matter which outdoor activities mean most to you--hiking, fishing, nature study, boating, swimming, hunting, camping, or just enjoying the natural scene--this bill is important to you.

Your letter is needed now.

Sincerely,



Ira N. Gabrielson, Chairman

Your Voice Is Important--Please Write Your Congressman Now

1. Please write now to the Congressman who represents you in the House of Representatives.
2. Tell him you support the Conservation Fund Bill and are willing to pay your share of user fees to help support the Fund.
3. Urge him to vote for the bill (H.R. 3846).
4. Urge your friends and members of your organizations to write to their Congressmen.

Write to:

Honorable.....
(YOUR CONGRESSMAN'S NAME)

House of Representatives

Washington 25, D. C.

(If you aren't sure of the name of your Congressman, ask your public library or newspaper.)

What is the Conservation Fund Bill?

Many conservationists believe it is the most significant conservation legislation ever considered by Congress.

The bill:

- ▶ Would provide funds for
 - (1) a 25-year program of matching grants-in-aid for State and local outdoor recreation needs, and for
 - (2) acquisition of essential national outdoor recreation lands.
- ▶ Is responsive to key recommendations of the bipartisan Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission appointed by former President Eisenhower.
- ▶ Is based on the principle that State and local governments have primary responsibilities for meeting outdoor recreation needs.

▶ Was recommended to Congress by the late President Kennedy and was introduced in Congress with bipartisan support.

▶ Is strongly supported by all the major national conservation organizations and by 48 State governments.

▶ After thorough hearings and careful amendment, has been approved, 20 to 6, by the Interior Committee of the House of Representatives.

Final action in the House is expected within the next few weeks.

Powerful interests are trying to kill the bill. Many Congressmen are indifferent to it. *Your* letter to *your* Congressman is needed *now*.

What will the Conservation Fund buy?

As shown on the chart (to right), the Conservation Fund would:

- ▶ *Finance the Federal share of 50-50 matching grants to the States* for State and local outdoor recreation planning, land acquisition and development.

(This program is based on many years of successful experience with Federal grant-in-aid programs in some 20 fields including hospital construction, fish and wildlife restoration and water pollution control. Federal aid

cannot provide more than a fraction of the funds needed; its great importance will be as an incentive to State and local action.)

- ▶ *Help finance acquisition of key national recreation lands* as authorized by Congress—for our National Parks, National Forests and National Wildlife Refuges. It also would help acquire areas needed to save wildlife species threatened by extinction and help assure development of the recreation potential of Federal reservoirs.

Where will the money come from?

- ▶ *Fees paid by users of certain designated Federal recreation areas and facilities and the Federal tax now paid on marine fuel used in recreational boats.* As the chart shows, most fund revenue would come from these pay-as-you-go sources of financing.

- ▶ *Revenues from sale of surplus Federal real property*—including surplus military lands. This would, in effect, exchange publicly owned land no longer needed by the American people for land that is urgently needed.

- ▶ *Advance appropriations* from general Treasury funds. These could be made by Congress as needed and would be repaid from other Fund revenues beginning in the eleventh year of the program. This would operate, in effect, like a bond issue—a usual way local and State governments finance large capital investments which produce long-term benefits.

(Exclusive of advance appropriations, the Fund would provide an estimated \$125 million to \$150 million a year once it is fully under way.)

Are you willing to pay your share?

Some Congressmen are hesitating to support the Conservation Fund Bill because they are concerned that the American people will object to paying outdoor recreation user fees.

We believe most people *are* willing to pay modest fees for use of developed outdoor recreation facilities and areas, particularly if they know this will help assure a better outdoors for themselves and their children.

Here are the facts about fees:

- ▶ *User fees are nothing new.* With few exceptions, fees can be charged at Federal areas under existing law. Fees are now charged at many National Parks and some National Forest areas. Enactment of the bill will, however, assure that fee revenues, and the taxes now paid on motorboat fuel, will directly benefit outdoor recreation users.
- ▶ *Fees could be charged only where appropriate:* only on areas administered by a Federal agency, *primarily*

for outdoor recreation, *and* only where recreation facilities are provided at Federal expense. No Federal fees could be charged at Federal areas leased to State or local governments, nor for licenses to hunt or fish.

▶ *Most National Forests, public domain lands, Wildlife Refuges and Federal reservoir areas will continue to be open to the public free of charge.*

▶ *The bill would authorize an annual auto sticker which would be a bargain for many.* Visitors to National Parks and other national areas where fees are charged could buy such a sticker for an unlimited number of visits during a year to all areas on which fees are charged. It would be optional. Visitors would still have a choice between a sticker and single-visit fees.

Congress is waiting to see whether the American people care enough about the outdoors to help pay for new areas and better facilities through modest user fees. If *you* are willing to pay *your* fair share, please tell *your* Congressman so, *now*.

Who supports the Bill?

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR HEALTH,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION, AND RECREATION
AMERICAN CAMPING ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR
AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL
ORGANIZATIONS
AMERICAN FISHING TACKLE
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN FORESTRY ASSOCIATION
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PARK EXECUTIVES

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
GAME, FISH AND CONSERVATION
COMMISSIONERS
IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE OF AMERICA
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ENGINE AND
BOAT MANUFACTURERS
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON STATE PARKS
NATIONAL PARKS ASSOCIATION

NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION
OUTBOARD BOATING CLUB OF AMERICA
SIERRA CLUB
SPORT FISHING INSTITUTE
THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY
THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE
(And 48 State Governments)

FUND SOURCES

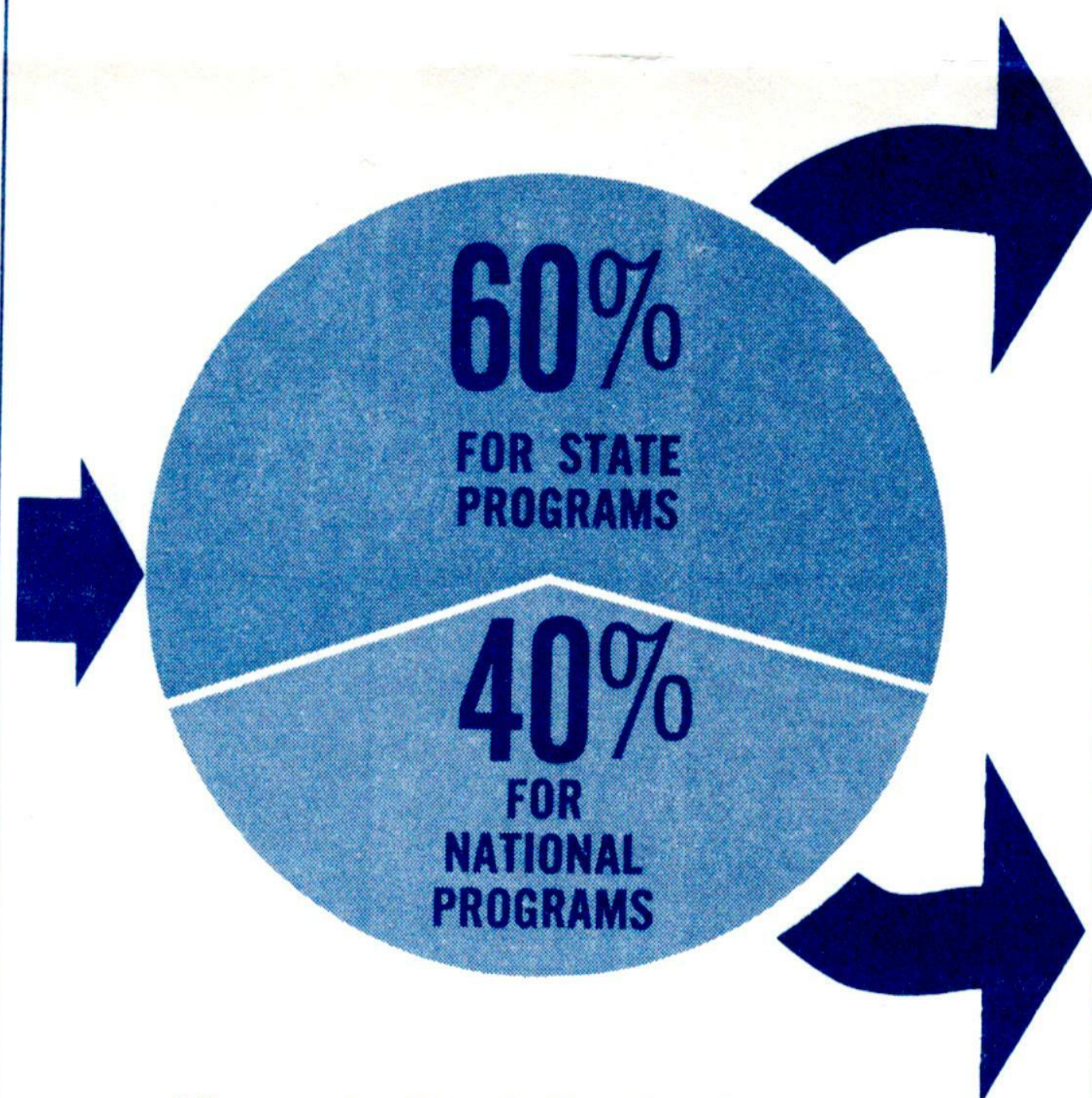
Revenues

- Fair and equitable fees for recreation use of designated Federal areas and facilities. Estimate: \$40-60 million a year.
- Sales of surplus Federal lands sold under existing law. Estimate: \$60 million.
- Existing 4-cent tax on motorboat fuel. Estimate: \$25 million.

Advances

- Repayable advance appropriations up to \$60 million a year.

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND



**Money In Fund To Be Available
As Appropriated
Annually By Congress**

FUND USES

Grants to States

- For up to 50% of cost of planning, acquiring and developing State and local outdoor recreation areas.

National Recreation Needs

- For land acquisition for: National Park System, National Forest recreation lands, Lands for recreation use at National Wildlife Refuges and for preservation of endangered species.
- For reservoir recreation: to help offset recreation, fish and wildlife costs at water development projects.

PLEASE WRITE TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN NOW

*How Much Do
You Care
About Outdoor America?*

CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
1346 Connecticut Ave. • Washington, D. C. 20036

*'Responsible,
Significant,
Essential'*

"The Conservation Fund Bill (H.R. 3846) is a responsible approach to the financing problems ORRRC found we must solve if the outdoor recreation needs of the American people are to be met."

—LAURANCE S. ROCKEFELLER, *Chairman,
Outdoor Recreation Resources Review
Commission*

"I urge that every possible step be taken to insure Federal and State cooperation in this critical effort by the prompt enactment of H.R. 3846."

—WILLIAM W. SCRANTON, *Governor of
Pennsylvania*

"Enactment of this bill is essential to adequate, balanced outdoor recreation programs across the country."

—THOMAS L. KIMBALL, *Executive Director,
National Wildlife Federation*

"This significant bill will assure financing of a sound, accelerated program of capital investment in outdoor recreation."

—JOSEPH W. PENFOLD, *Conservation Director,
Izaak Walton League of America*

"We endorse both the proposed programs and the method of financing."

—CARL W. BUCHHEISTER, *President, National
Audubon Society*

"It will help defend wilderness and other outstanding natural areas."

—HOWARD ZAHNISER, *Executive Director,
The Wilderness Society*

"Important State conservation and recreation programs are shackled by insufficient funds. Enactment of H.R. 3846 will materially assist the States toward longtime major goals of conservationists."

—RICHARD H. STROUD, *Executive Vice
President, Sport Fishing Institute*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
November 4, 1963

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I regard the Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill submitted to Congress last February as most significant legislation which will make it possible to establish a plan and procedures for the states and the Federal Government to insure adequate outdoor recreational opportunities for future generations of Americans.

I have reviewed the bill reported out by your Committee earlier this month and believe the Committee has done an exceedingly good job in refining many of its provisions. The strong bipartisan support for the bill by the members of your Committee is encouraging and provides persuasive evidence of its essential soundness.

This farsighted legislation merits the support of all interested in the conservation of outdoor America and I am hopeful it will be enacted into law this session.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall
Chairman, Committee on Interior
and Insular Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1963

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On November 4, 1963, President Kennedy wrote to you expressing his support of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill which your Committee recently reported favorably to the House.

I want you to know that I concur in the views he expressed regarding the importance of this legislation in insuring adequate outdoor recreational facilities and opportunities for future generations. The strong bipartisan support the bill received in your Committee speaks well for it, and I hope it will be possible to enact the bill this session.

Sincerely,


Lyndon B. Johnson

Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall
Chairman, Committee on Interior
and Insular Affairs
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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