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SUPREME COURT OF CALIFORNIA  
STATE BUILDING  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

JESSE W. CARTER  
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

November 20, 1958

Mr. Wallace Myers  
Attorney at Law  
P. O. Box 68  
San Anselmo, California

My dear Wallace:

Almost a month has passed since you appeared as my attorney in the case involving my reservoir. All has been quiet and serene since then and Jean and I have finally got our nerves quieted down so that we feel somewhat relaxed. We look back upon the hectic period from March 21st to October 24th, 1958 as a sort of nightmare. While our nerves were on edge and we were upset by the numerous false and misleading statements which appeared in the press and which came to us by grapevine as having been uttered by uninformed, misguided people, there were also many bright spots which made our path much more enjoyable than it might have been without the adversity. These bright spots were the result of our contacts with people whom we found to be real friends who came to our assistance at a time when we needed them.

You played a major part in the role of those who made our path brighter and we can never forget what you did on our behalf. I am sure that I have some appreciation of the effort which you put into our case and I know that it was

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a considerable sacrifice for you to make in giving of time and energy to a study of the legal and technical problems involved in the case. I also know that you felt the burden of the responsibility which you assumed in representing me because of your realization of what the outcome of the case meant to me, not from a financial standpoint but in sustaining my position as a public official and a prominent citizen of the state

I want you to know that I have some appreciation of the effort you exerted on my behalf and the burden which you assumed in coming into the case on my behalf.

I am sure that there is no financial reward that could compensate you for the services which you rendered on my behalf and I know that you would feel hurt if I made an offer to remunerate you for those services.

I cannot refrain, however, from attempting to convey to you my deep feeling of devotion and gratitude to you for your effort in my behalf and to assure you that consider your services on my behalf of such great value that I can never repay you or relieve myself of the obligation which I feel I owe you, and I trust that our paths in may cross many times in the future and that I may have the opportunity to show my appreciation by giving expression to

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the kindly feeling I have toward you in a manner which will  
reveal my sincere gratitude toward you so long as we both  
shall live.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jesse W. Butler". The signature is written in black ink on a white background. The first letter 'J' is large and loops around the rest of the name. The 'W' and 'B' are also prominent, with the 'B' having a large loop. The signature ends with a flourish.

JWC:m