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September 13, 1962

Hon. J. Strom Thurmond
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Thurmond:

Thank you for keeping me posted on the Post Office matter.

There is now an entirely different item I should like to bring to your attention. ~~In Northern California,~~ just south of the town of Bridgeport, is one of the most lovely spots in the West including and surrounding Lake Monna. As of now it is virtually untouched and unmarred. However, unless steps are taken to maintain it's natural beauty, honky tonks and fastbuckers are sure to move in and it will be too late.

May I suggest your looking into the feasibility of placing this area in our National Parks program? Likely it will require the assistance and cooperation of the California Congressional delegation and Governor, and perhaps some others. However, if I may suggest it, the effort will be well worth while. Many other places of much lesser beauty have been included in a suggestion, an extension of the Yosemite east boundary may do the trick.

Sincerely,

J. Philip Rast

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Hon. Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington 25, D.C.

Sir:

Dear Senator Thurmond:

The attached is respectfully referred to you

for such as We have your request of September 17 enclosing Mr. J. Philip Rast's letter of September 13 suggesting the inclusion of Mono Lake in the National Park System.

National forest lands appear to adjoin the lake on the west, and we understand that the Bureau of Land Management administers certain lands surrounding it. However, we are not entirely familiar with Mono Lake's natural values and their significance, or its recreation potential. Therefore, we are asking Regional Director Merriam of our Western Regional Office in San Francisco to furnish this information.

We will write further when this information has been received.

Strom Thurmond Sincerely yours,

Strom Thurmond Sgd WILLIAM L. BOWEN
United States Senator

Acting Assistant Director

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