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Dear Jim,

This is in the form of an addendum to my letter of October 26th as I suddenly remembered three things I neglected to cover.

On the subject of registering hikers on Opening Day and thereafter...

It was suggested on that Sunday hike that Tee-Shirts with the HikaNation emblem be sold prior to the kick-off. The purchase of a Tee-Shirt would automatically register anybody who wished to participate on Opening Day/Bridge Day. On those two days here in San Francisco, a registration desk/booth would be set up, both registering and selling Tee-Shirts. If the participants bought a Tee-Shirt they would also be automatically registered, if the participant did not wish a Tee Shirt, then we would have to figure out some way to visibly show that they were registered and not free-loading (as well as a smaller fee for registration).

Have you come up with any thoughts as to the insurance angle as well as posting damage and property bonds? How about saving us all from being potential defendants in a series of "whiplash" lawsuits?

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One other point concerning the Bridge Crossing, etc. Since the State Legislature is currently out of session and will not re-convene until shortly after January first, the idea of passing legislative bills in our behalf is very unlikely as it takes forever to ram even one through committees. Also, on the same subject, Norman Gee told me today that the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge already has a blocked-off lane carrying the emergency water pipe system over to Marin County. This bridge is still out of our way, but not as much as it would be if we were unable to cross the Bay Bridge and head all the way around the northern extremity of the Bay. This goes under the subject of contingency plans.

Louise Marshall called me yesterday as she and her husband were passing through S.F. on their way to Malaysia. She said she would mention our committee problem to REI in Berkeley and maybe (fingers crossed) we could get some volunteers out of them.

Again, will keep you informed as to our ongoing crisis' out here on the Coast.

Best regards,

Happy trails,



Mike McReynolds

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James A. Kern

November 16, 1979

Dear Mike:

I talked with Fredye Wright at the San Francisco Examiner a couple of days ago. She expects to have an answer for me in the next couple of days about our request for support and will phone me. If the newspaper doesn't come through, I may have to make a quick trip to S.F. I'll call you when I know something.

Monty and I have talked about the business of registration. We were thinking about a fee of \$1 a day up to 30 days (\$30). Then we were thinking of a stick-on one-color patch similar to the embroidered patch we have designed (and just ordered). The T-shirts would certainly identify hikers, but a lot of people, particularly women, might not want to change into their new purchase right away and thereby be identified. We can kick this around also on the phone.

You sounded about as negative as one can get on the hope of a Bay Bridge crossing. That's a bummer! I will look up the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge just to see what that will do for us. Perhaps we could charter some abalone boat and get ferried across! I'm open to everything at this point. I'll look into whiplash protection first thing next week.

Cordially,



JAK/nmm