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Dear Mr. Davis:

Thank you for your letter of November 4th confirming our telephone conversation regarding the booklet "A Homeowners Guide to Fire and Watershed Management at the Chaparral-Urban Interface."

Your statement that you speak for the Fire Department, the Chief Administrative Office and County Counsel is indeed surprising. I have never known a Purchasing Agent with such far-reaching jurisdiction. Congratulations!

As spokesman for the County of Los Angeles and the Board of Supervisors, you are no doubt aware of publications in three local newspapers praising and enthusiastically endorsing this booklet by the Supervisors. You must know that Chief Bragdon circulated (with his attached inter-office memo!) this same booklet to his own fire stations, as well as to members of Planning Departments, Watershed Committees, Regional Planning Departments, City Counsels, City Mayors, etc., etc..

My questions to you, Mr. Davis, are:

Who ordained that this booklet is "unauthorized?"

What constitutes authorization?

How did it happen that an "unedited," "unauthorized," "unapproved" publication was permitted to be distributed by members of the Board of Supervisors (with their name-stamps affixed) in thousands over a period of months to citizens throughout Los Angeles County?

No sir, Mr. Davis, I have no intention of withholding this highly praised, va able booklet from distribution to homeowners anywhere it may be useful and wanted.

Yours truly,

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