## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## PURCHASING AND STORES DEPARTMENT

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November 22, 1982

LOUIS E. HILL, President Santa Monica Mountains Residents Assoc. 21656 Las Flores Heights Road Malibu, CA 90265

Dear Mr. Hill:

Today, November 22, 1982, I received your letter to me dated November 13, 1982, copies to all five Supervisors.

With regard to your second paragraph concerning my far-reaching jurisdiction, I assumed that jurisdiction because of a meeting in Supervisor Dana's office on November 2, 1982. Present at that meeting were the Fire Chief, Clyde Bragdon, his assigned County Counsel, Mr. Doug Elwell, Don Deise, Assistant Administrative Officer and Mr. Don Knabe, Mr. Dana's Chief Deputy. At that meeting, it was agreed that I would call you and indicate to you that the booklet you ordered from the original printer was not an authorized County document. My letter of November 4 was merely a confirmation of our telephone conversation of November 3, and if I assumed any jurisdiction at all, it was one agreed to by Mr. Knabe on behalf of Mr. Dana, by the Fire Chief, by the County Counsel and by the Chief Administrative Office.

I am aware of the fact that the booklet was distributed. I am also aware that the text of the booklet was never reviewed by the Fire Department nor by the Board of Supervisors. Subsequent review of that text revealed there were substantial changes to be made. With regard to your specific questions:

"Who ordained that this booklet is 'unauthorized'?"

Answer: The first printing of this booklet was an unauthorized printing for the simple reason that it was done without reference to this office. I subsequently received the Fire Department's confirming requisition and authorization for payment. I refused to authorize such payment.

"What constitutes authorization?"

The issuance of a valid purchase order by the Los Angeles County Purchasing Agent. As stated above, I did not and will not approve payment for the first printing.

Also enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter which I recently sent to a Mr. Michael McEntee, the attorney for Dr. Klaus Radtke. I cover a



number of points in that letter which I think further clarify the statements I made in our original phone conversation and in my letter to you of November 4, 1982. Please note the next to the last paragraph of that letter in which I indicate that the County is asking the Board to authorize an injunction against you and the Santa Monica Mountains Residents Association to prevent distribution of an unauthorized booklet containing the County seal, the names of all five Board members and purporting to be an official document of Los Angeles County. I am also contacting the Board of Equalization since your flyer indicates that the price you are asking includes sales tax to assure that you are:

- 1. Legally authorized to collect sales tax; and
- 2. You forward such sales tax collections to the State.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

H. E. DAVIS, Jr. Purchasing Agent

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Encl.

cc: All Supervisors
Chief Clyde Bragdon
Don Deise
Doug Elwell
Ray Fortner
Leon H. Stein, Bd. of Equalization