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Dear Dick:

Enclosed is a copy of the narrative describing why Frank Church deserves to receive the number one TWS belt buckle. Under separate cover, by first class mail, we are sending the award buckle. Earlier, under separate cover, we sent a copy of our correspondence to Senator Church and an invitation to several Congressmen who may want to attend the award luncheon.

Our letter to the Congressmen advised that they would have to pay for their own lunch. However, if no more than three Congressmen show up, the Idaho Chapter will pay for their meal and drinks. The Idaho Chapter will pay all of Senator Church's expenses at the luncheon. I suggest that you initially pay the above-described costs and The Idaho Chapter will reimburse you. Assuming that the Senator and the three Congressmen spend \$12.00 each for food and drinks, the total bill should not exceed \$50.00. If you object to such a reimbursable arrangement please tell me as soon as possible, so you and I can decide what to do.

Finally, will you please arrange to have someone at the meeting take a photograph of the Senator receiving the award. Then, if that person will send us a copy of the picture, we can print it in our Idaho Chapter Newsletter. It would be nice if Harry could put this in the National Newsletter also.

Thanks very much for your help with this award. If all goes well, it will be due largely to your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Gore, President
Idaho Chapter, TWS

Enclosure

REMARKS OF RICHARD DENNY, EXEC. DIRECTOR, TWS

ON BEHALF OF THE IDAHO CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS AWARD TO FRANK CHURCH. SENATOR CHURCH CLEARLY DESERVES THIS AWARD AND MANY OTHERS. DURING HIS FOUR TERMS IN THE U.S. SENATE HE CONSISTENTLY CHAMPIONED THE CAUSE OF PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY'S NATURAL RESOURCES FROM EXCESSIVE DEVELOPMENT.

HE MANAGED THE SENATE LEGISLATION THAT CREATED THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS SYSTEM IN 1964, AS WELL AS THE LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHED THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND. HE WAS AUTHOR OF THE WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS ACT AND SPONSORED THE BILLS WHICH CREATED IDAHO'S SAWTOOTH NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND HELLS CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. HE SPONSORED LEGISLATION WHICH ESTABLISHED THE GOSPEL-HUMP WILDERNESS AREA IN IDAHO AND THE 2.2 MILLION ACRE RIVER OF NO RETURN WILDERNESS IN THE HEART OF IDAHO.

AT SENATOR CHURCH'S REQUEST CONGRESS, IN 1978, EXTENDED THE MORITORIUM ON TRANS-BASIN WATER DIVERSION STUDIES. THE DIVERSION OF EVEN A MODERATE AMOUNT OF WATER FROM THE COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN WOULD ULTIMATELY LEAD TO THE LOSS OF THE NORTHWEST'S ECONOMICALLY-IMPORTANT ANADROMOUS FISHERY. ALSO IN 1978 HE AUTHORED THE RANGELANDS ACT TO REHABILITATE THE PUBLIC RANGE. THE LIST OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COULD GO ON AND ON.

SENATOR CHURCH, THIS AWARD IS A POLISHED PEWTER BELT BUCKLE. SUCH BUCKLES ARE WORN BY PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFE BIOLOGISTS THROUGHOUT NORTH AMERICA. THE SOCIETY'S BUCKLE ENTERPRISE IS A PRODUCT OF THE IDAHO CHAPTER. MEMBERS OF THAT GROUP ORIGINATED THE IDEA, DESIGNED THE BUCKLE, AND ARRANGED FOR ITS NATIONAL MARKETING. THE BUCKLES ARE NUMBERED IN SEQUENCE. THE IDAHO CHAPTER'S GIFT TO YOU IS THE NUMBER ONE BUCKLE. WE ALL HOPE THAT YOU HAVE MANY OCCASIONS TO WEAR IT.