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Senator Frank Church P. O. Box 2837 Boise, ID 83701

Dear Mr. Church:

It was a pleasure meeting you and your wife at gate 3 at the airport Tuesday afternoon. Thank you for the pleasantries extended to my sister Marcia, visiting Boise from New York City, and my son Brook. He was guite impressed with your recent visit to Borah High School.

As you may recall, I mentioned that I was involved with the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society. We greatly appreciate your strong stand on Idaho's, and the Nation's, conservation and environmental issues. We realize that many multiple-use issues, wildlife needs may not get all the attention we believe they require. However we know that a reasonable balance must be obtained. A reasonable balance was often not struck in the past, and many wildlife species were tipped towards endangered status. Our goal is to prevent situation such as this from happening in the future. Therefore wildlife interests sometimes take very strong (often radical) positions.

You mentioned that letters to the editor of newspapers would be helpful. I have enclosed a copy of our last chapter news letter and underscored my plea to the membership for such support. At least two of our members, Joyce Gebhardt, and Jim Nee have had letters published in the Statesman which supported the Birds of Prey area expansion.

I know you'll be busy during your August recess from Washington D.C. duties. Never-the-less I would like to discuss with you our enviormental

concerns and positions, and explore ways in which we can suport you. If your time will permit perhaps we could meet for lunch.

Best regards,

Jay Gore, President Idaho Chapter of Wildlife