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Sacramento, March, 10, 1903.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, Cal.

My Dear Sir:-

From private advices from Washington I learn that President Roosevelt is desirous of taking a trip into the high Sierras during his visit to California, and has expressed a wish to go with you, practically alone. I am aware that April or May will be too early in the season to permit of a very extended trip in the higher altitudes, but if the visit should be in the middle or the latter part of May one might be able to go beyond Yosemite or even into the Kings River country.

My own judgment is that the President will do best to make the trip to Yosemite by Public conveyance, and if he wished to go into the less frequented Sierra regions it would be better for him to take advantage of the military outfits at Mineral King or some like point. If he attempts anything of the kind, he wishes it to be entirely unknown, carried out with great secrecy so that the crowds will not follow or annoy him, and he suggested that he could foot it and rough it with you or anybody else.

Now while I think that the President's ideas are more a matter of impulse than good judgment, I have complied with the request made to me by Senator Bard, and in this way confer with you about it.

It was the Senator's request that the matter be in no way talked about or made public as he has acted upon a suggestion of the President, and has taken the responsibility himself to confer with

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you through me.

If you will drop me a line or call me over the telephone between now and Sunday I will communicate with Senator Bard. In the meantime I would ask you not to ~~mention~~ mention the matter as it might be embarrassing to the Senator.

Sincerely yours,

Senate Chamber, Sacramento.

Dr. C. Rowell.

ROYAL BOND