

W. Cross Memorial Bridge

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Mr. John B. Strauss
111 Sutter Street
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Mr. Strauss:

I shall certainly appreciate it if you will get in touch with me when you do come east as you say you expect to. Of course the matter of ~~character~~^{erecting} of the proposed memorial bridge at Washington Crossing isn't anything that can be rushed through in a hurry. I am quite certain from our previous experience that unless or until we get something in pictorial form available for promotional use there will be little likelihood that we can get any interest in the project wide-spread or specific enough to bring in any results.

If the bridge is built at all it will undoubtedly have to be a federal project. I am not in any position, therefore, and shan't be of course, to guarantee anything with regard to engineering service. Also our appropriations have been so severely cut that we should have to depend upon the generosity of those interested to do any such preliminary work and it was because of your previous expression of willingness to do this that I wrote you. Personally and speaking for the Department we should of course be glad to do anything in the interest of those who gave preliminary time to it that we could, if the project comes to fruition. I am enclosing some further data as suggested in your letter and of course it is understood you will feel perfectly free to use it or not as you wish. There have been no soundings made in connection with the property because it has never been far enough along to justify expense for such work. There is hard rock uniformly at approximately river level.

I shall be very glad to make arrangements to go up on to the ground with you or Mr. Paine if you will get in touch with me when you are available in this part of the country.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

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