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Mr. Tom Edwards
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Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you for your letter of April 6 concerning the historic marker near Jacksonville.

I talked to Mr. Mike Moen over the telephone and he has agreed to meet with Mr. Len Ramp, our Grants Pass resident geologist. They will be visiting the site sometime in the next week or two and discuss the situation in greater detail at that time.

I am sure that facilities can be provided for parking and we will probably contact you at a later date as soon as our plans are jelled.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond E. Corcoran
State Geologist

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✓ cc Len Ramp



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Mr. Raymond E. Corcoran
State Geologist
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Dear Mr. Corcoran:

Our field people have investigated the problem of installation of a sign in Jacksonville to denote the discovery of gold in that area in 1851.

We find the actual site to be removed from the highway right-of-way approximately 0.21 mile and that it is currently marked with a commemorative marker. This matter was discussed with Mr. Mike Moen of Station KOB1, Medford.

There are several unanswered questions. First, prior to installation of a historical marker, we believe it mandatory that sufficient parking space be provided in order that the traveling public can pull over and read the message at their leisure.

Second, parking space for a few vehicles should be provided near the site for persons wishing to view the actual discovery ground. We believe the space on which to construct the parking area and the space and parking area at the site should be provided by local interests. If these were provided, we would install the standard historical marker sign with signing from that spot to the actual discovery site.

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We have a further question concerning the appropriateness of providing proper directions to the site from the Jacksonville Museum. This is an excellent museum drawing a considerable number of visitors. Would it not be appropriate to use it as a starting point for signing to the discovery site?

We should be glad to hear from you further in this matter.

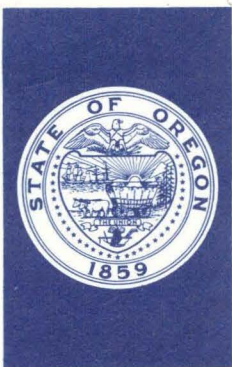
Very truly yours,

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State Highway Engineer

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Tom Edwards
Assistant State Highway Engineer

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Mr. Len Ramp
State Assay Laboratory
Grants Pass, Oregon

Dear Len:

I am enclosing copy of a letter I recently received from Tom Edwards of the State Highway Department and as a result I have talked to Mike Moen, News Director of KOBI.

Mike has suggested that you and he get together for a meeting in Jacksonville and discuss the Highway Department's proposition in greater detail.

Mike's telephone number in Medford is 779-5555 and his mail address is P.O. Box 5 M.

Sincerely yours,

Raymond E. Corcoran
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