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Dear Jerry:

In your letter of September 28th you mentioned to Ruth Mahood that you could be persuaded to assist on our program at the Annual Meeting next June in San Diego.

As the Program Chairman I would like to enlist your aid to fill the speaker assignment for Saturday noon June 21st. One of the thots expressed by the committee was a talk on the real grass roots everyday life and customs of both the Spaniards and the Indians. Our thinking is that there will be lots of the colorful and military so we do not wish to duplicate those phases. Jerry, I am sure that you are close to the scene in San Diego and could come up with some good ideas.

Ruth mentioned your thot on the aspect of maritime history and its perils, so in connection with the support Sera and Portolá expected and actually received from ships and the sea, could be woven into the story. At the San Bernardino (Bloomington) work shop we discussed the inclusion of the R R Centennial on our program, but for two reasons we have decided against it. (A) At the Symposium in Davis, Walter Frame gave us a fine talk, and (B) at the History Institute at Stockton in March it is on the program, and it will come to a grand climax at Promontory Point on May 10th. It leaves us with another place of prominence on the Bicentennial program.

Our very good friend and able speaker Father Maynard Geiger will speak on Friday evening on Junipero Sera. We are indeed fortunate.

Again in closing, please let me know as soon as you can if you will accept this spot on our program. Also let me know your ideas regarding my the above and possible coverage of other topics.

Very sincerely yours,

Richard Harville

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