

Dals

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August 14, 1986

Mr. James R. Papero  
Mr. Herbert Lamb  
Department of Conservation  
Ray Brook, N Y 12977

Dear Mr. Papero and Mr. Lamb:

After the Eagle Lake Association meeting on July 5, 1986, I was asked to take photographs and write to you concerning a Judge De Lancey, one of the newest property owners on the lake. I will enclose photos of his "Income Property For Sale". I will be xeroxing this letter for interested parties.

It has been brought to the attention of some property owners that someone has told Encon or the APA that there were no motor boats on the lake prior to the establishment of the height of the lake in the association minutes, August 17, 1935, at 4" below the pin in the rock near Mr. Luthy's boat house, with the height of the lake being dropped after Labor Day by the removal of a board or boards, which were kept in Conklin's boat house over winter, to assure as little ice damage as possible to existing boat houses and shore and dock areas. There were indeed many motor boats on the lake prior to that time. In the early 1900's my grandparents had a mahogany Naptha Launch, the brass chimney of which is now a telephone stand at my aunt's home. This was an inboard motor boat as is their Atlantic Sea Skiff, acquired between 1910 and 1915. This sea skiff had considerable draft, more than most of the boats on the lake currently. It was removed from the lake in the 60's or early 70's for repairs. It easily held twelve people, but it made a oily mess of our swimming area. I believe it is presently being used on the Hudson River, if you need photos to verify it's size. After the teens they had two other inboard flat-bottomed boats. Each year they had to dig out the boat slips to accomodate their boats, as did other boat owners. Some who had motor boats before 1935 were Rodgers, (now Thompson), Aldens, Rungees, Miss Cowan (now Stevens), Luthys (now Blanchard very recently I think), and Conklins. Aldens, Rungees and Conklins boats were comparable, or larger. Other people had outboards also, of varying sizes. Mr. De Lancey was very wrong when he made his announcement at the recorded meeting that there were no motor boats prior to the 1935 agreement.

Please note that there was more ice destruction this past winter than in my memory. Our log shoring was ripped up and our land around our support posts was washed into the lake, leaving a very dangerous situation for our visitors, as well as our boat house. We took some measurements on the very slippery rocks now underwater and covered with green slime. On July 5, 1986 the enclosed xerox photos show 14" under water from July 1951 and at least 29" under water from August 1942, an unusually low year. We have been unable to swim safely. We raised the height of our boathouse above our support post at least ten inches since 1980, to try to keep our docks inside the boat house out of the water. Last fall, after Labor day, we cut off a post inside the boat-

*to raise the small center dock*

house twice, as the lake rose and our son had to raise it again in February to get it out of the ice. It is again in the water this summer as well as a long dock along the inside of the boat house which had to be replaced due to rotting in the water after 1980.

Others on the lake have suffered similar rotting conditions and movement of their boathouses this past year. We still do not understand why you have to have a vote to put the lake back where it belongs, as there was never a vote to raise it and destroy so much property. The bench mark you put in at the dam tells part of the story.

Unofficially there were more people with the right to vote that signed a petition to put the lake back to the 1935 level, not including the two of us, than had signed Mr. De Lancey's petition. Mr. De Lancey was very insulting to us "old timers". It was suggested, therefor, but not acted upon, that the size of motors and speed of boats on the lake be limited. The meeting ended in the third or fourth cloudburst without a vote being taken, to resolve the immediate problems. We are awaiting a letter from the association, in accordance with a motion made by our daughter and seconded by a member of the association and passed.

We again repeat that we are flooded, keeping us from swimming and sunbathing, and using our rocky beach area which has been my family's right since 1898. Our boat house was built in 1900. We have photographs back to the early 1900's showing that use and we have been deprived of our riparian rights.

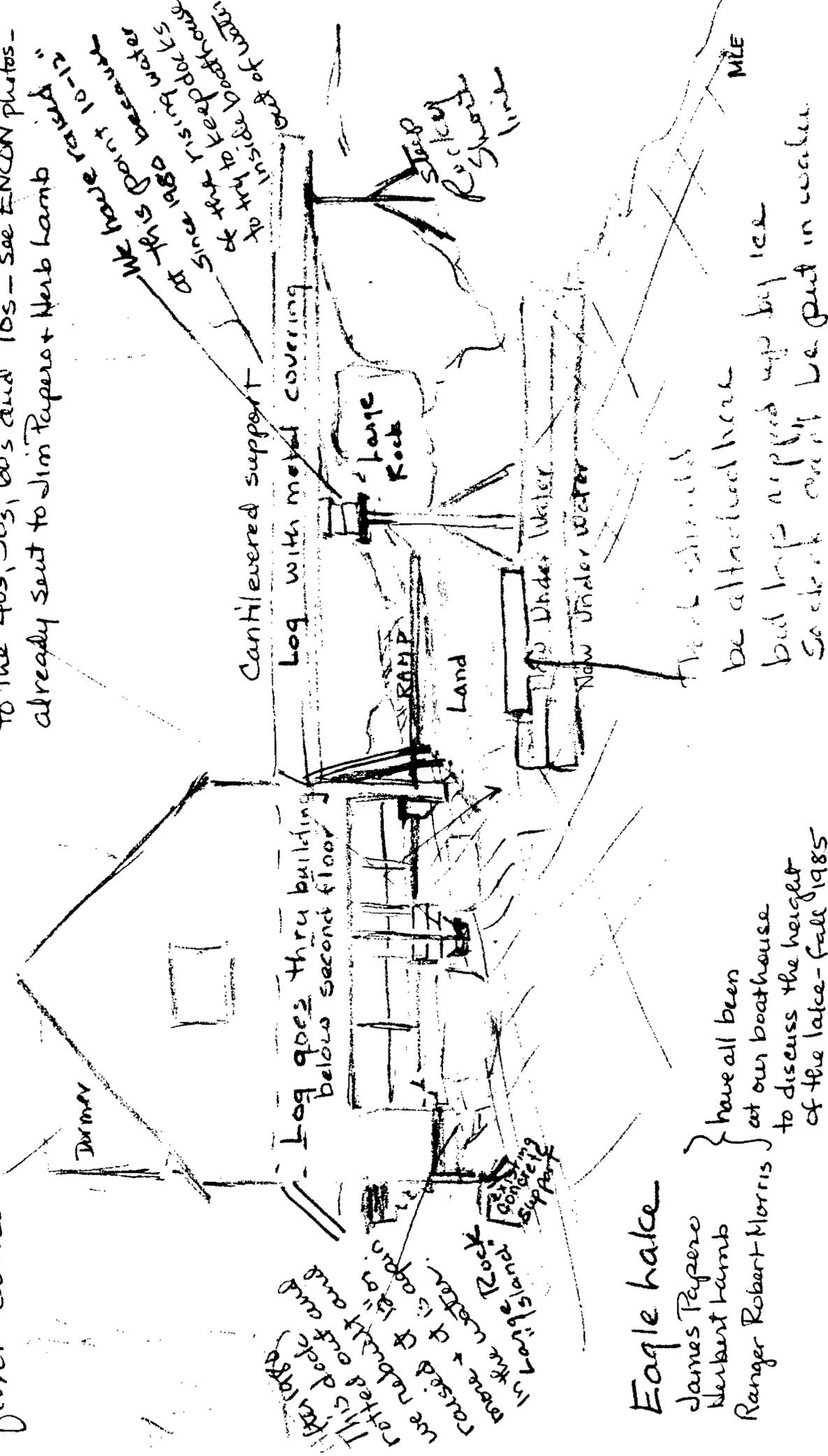
Very Truly yours,

*Merilyn L Emerich*  
Robert W and Merilyn L Emerich  
*Robert W Emerich*

Land (part of Karadox tract 13+20, town of Croton Point, Essex County, New York Exhibit #2

Boat house built in 1900  
Supported on tree about 1940  
to keep ice from tipping  
it. It originally was built  
into the water on the right  
front corner

Last winter we cut off the whole bottom  
step between the boats and raised the deck  
3 times - the last time out of the ice - and it  
is again under water this spring -  
Our photos show that we are anywhere  
from 14-29" under water when compared  
to the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's - see ENCON photos -  
already sent to Jim Peters + Herb Lamb



at this point 10-12"  
MK have raised  
Since 1980 because  
of the rising water  
at try to keep deck  
inside boathouse  
out of water

Cantilevered support

Log with metal covering

Large Rock

RAMP

Land

Under Water

New Underwater

Deck should

be attached here

but logs are up by ice

So deck can't be put in water

M/E

in the water  
one + it is again  
raised & log  
we rebuilt and  
this deck  
for 1978

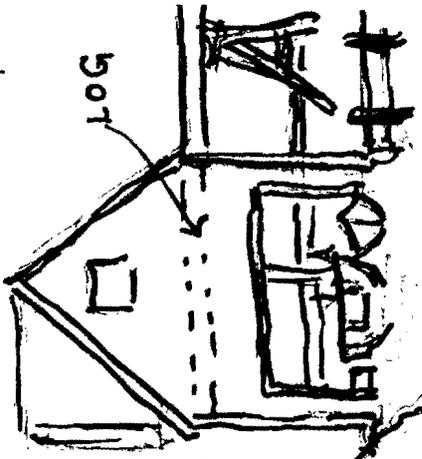
Small Island  
Support

Eagle lake

James Peters  
Herb Lamb  
Ranger Robert Morris

} have all been  
at our boathouse  
to discuss the height  
of the lake - Fall 1985



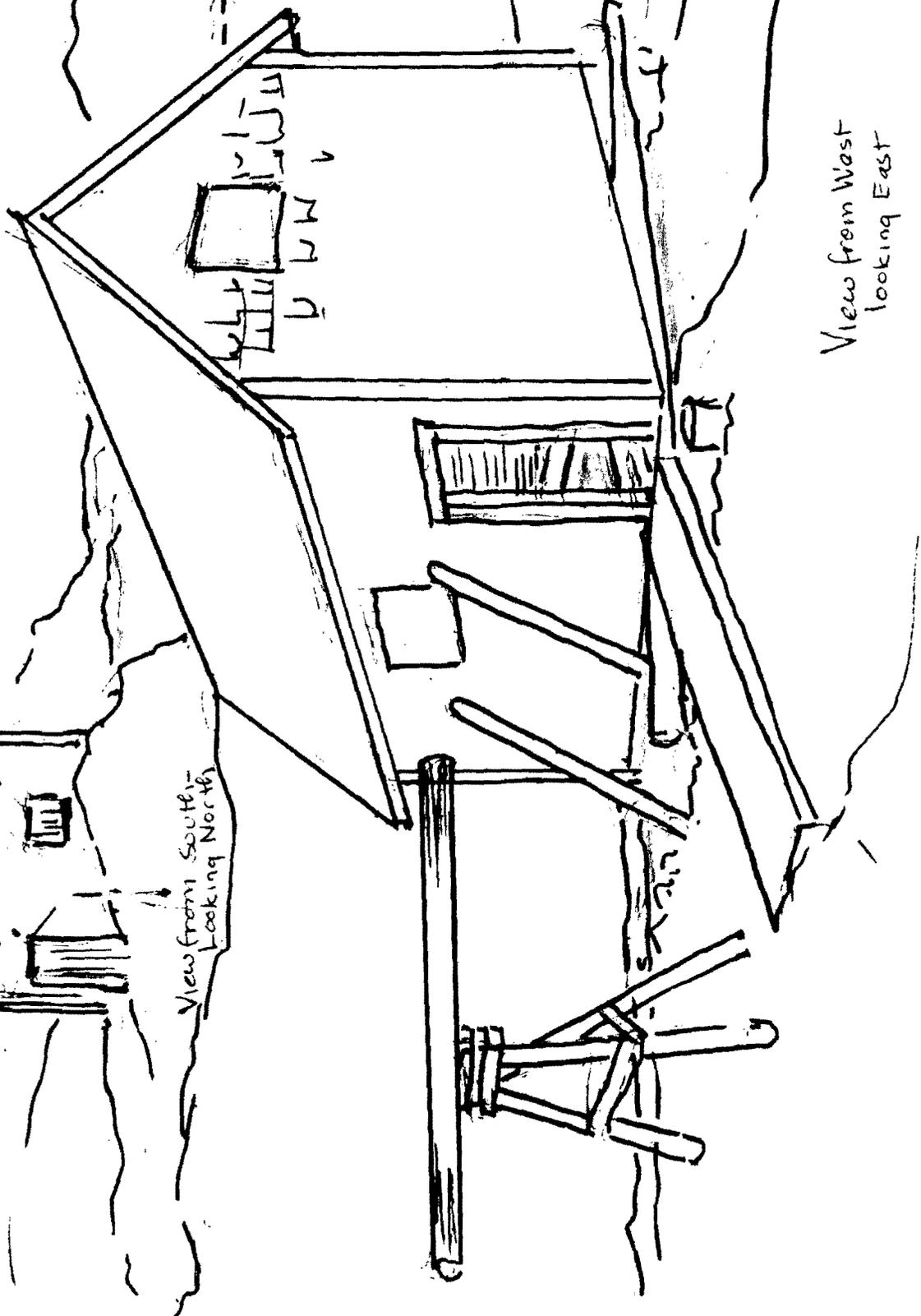


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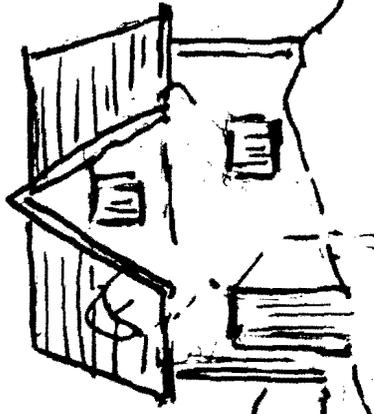
View from East  
looking West

RWE

OVER



View from West  
looking East



View from South  
Looking North

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January 5, 1986

Mrs. Merilyn Lodge Emerich  
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Dear Mrs. Emerich:

Pat and I sincerely apologize in being so tardy in answering your great letter to us of Nov. 19, 1985. The day it arrived, we were so concerned and worried about the high water at Eagle Lake that we phoned Jim Davis (whom I hope you know, as he has lived on the Lake for many years, is building a new home just east of George Conklin, and has been my "caretaker and repair man" for over ten years, or more). He told me that the water was high, but thought that it had gone down some six inches or so in the past week, and that he would check it, and also go down to look at the dam, as soon as he could. It took him a week or two to get back to me, and told me that he hadn't been able to get to the dam, but that the water had gone down another inch or so, and that he would check the supports (4 of them) on the lake side of my old boat house. About another week later he called again, and told me that he was going to put in further rock supports around the bottom, to keep the ice in the spring from knocking the piers out. This had happened to us several times before, but it had only been the furthest pier that had been damaged. He said that he was sure he could (and would) make it secure. Well, this was a couple of weeks after your letter had come, and, search as I did, I couldn't find your letter - until a day or so ago. Today, I am trying to catch up on how things are going at the Lake - I'm sure it's frozen over, probably enough to walk on - and we would love to hear from you again as to how things are going there, especially as to the water level. Of course, the really tough time will be when the ice melts and crushes up against the shore.

My father bought his land at Eagle Lake in about 1896 or '7, and had the cabin built by local help. He and my mother were up there for two months, or so, almost every year. I used to be taken up there at the age of two years, and from then on - and there has been but little change in the place. We do not have electricity, running water (just an old hand pump for lake water) - get our drinking water in pails from across the Lake. There is no way to put in a road (we're surrounded by State land) as it's too hilly and impossible cliffs - and have to come and go by boat. (It takes half an hour, or so, to walk in! And, we all loved it so much (still do) and I have so many, many great memories of the old days. I remember your grand-parents very well, and Gladys, Doris (I grew up with her) and Ronald, Leighton, and Alvin -

*Such wonderful memories, I would love to hunt  
woodchucks at Buns, and the  
Stoney Lonesome -*

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October 30, 1985

Mr. Herbert Lamb  
Department of Environmental  
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Raybrook, New York 12977

Re: Eagle Lake Dam Project

Dear Mr. Lamb:

We are writing on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Emerich of Loudonville, New York, and Mrs. Doris Weisheit owners of lands on the north shore of Eagle Lake, Paradox Tracts 13 and 20, Town of Crown Point.

Dam construction at Eagle Lake under the Department of Environmental Conservation has caused severe inundation and is threatening potential loss of substantial waterfront recreation area long owned and enjoyed by our clients and their predecessors.

We enclose four dated photographs showing affected shore areas of our client's property. Explanatory information is written on the back of each photograph. Three of the photographs bear ink line showing the approximate current water level.

We request that you promptly review this project and take such steps as are necessary to return Eagle Lake to its former traditional level.

Very truly yours,

Frank J. Williams, Jr.

FJW/jma  
Enclosures

cc: Mrs. Marilyn L. Emerich

Dear Lynn & Bob -  
I've heard from Mr. Paperno and he seems to  
confirm that the lake level will be dropped. This note  
I've sent to Joe Kane who may act on it. (?)



## Urban Design

Dr. Joseph Kane, President  
Eagle Lake Property Owners Association

August 4, 1986

Dear Joe:

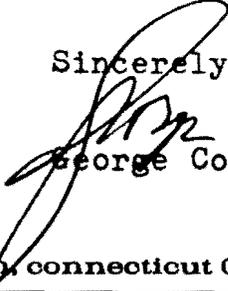
Property owners at Eagle Lake and visitors have always recognized the unique character and beauty of the lake and its surroundings and have done their utmost to maintain a pleasant and agreeable atmosphere. Since its very beginnings Eagle Lake residents have valued amiable affiliations. Indeed the area has proved a fertile ground for the development of lasting friendships, something for which many of us must be extremely grateful.

In my own recollection no disagreements of any importance come to mind. There seems to have been an unspoken agreement among all property owners to consult together whenever problems have arisen and to work together for the good of the majority and, above all, for the good of Eagle Lake as a whole.

At the next Property Owners Association meeting I propose a compact of this nature be annunciated and members asked to subscribe to it. It is a very little thing to ask that members be consulted before actions are taken, as sometimes such actions can be irretrievable and cause hardship where none was intended. The traditions of goodwill and friendship that have endured so long in our unique community cannot be allowed to falter.

With thanks for your endeavors on behalf of the Association and looking forward to many years of continuing good fortune for all of us devotees.

Sincerely,

  
George Conklin

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✓ Hope we'll see you at the lake. Come to  
Labor Day party on Turtle Rock Saturday -