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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Berkeley, March 24, 1903.

My dear Mr. Muir:--

The President has telegraphed asking for the detailed plan of his trip in the Yosemite. I have sent him an outline; I have not told him that you could not come, for I confidently believe it will be arranged all right; indeed, cannot be otherwise. The orderliness of nature will not allow so fit a plan to fail. My plan is that the President should leave his car at Raymond on the morning of Friday, May 15th, and proceed with his whole party to the Big Trees, reaching there at three or four in the afternoon. Without anyone's knowing it or noticing it you two could then slip away into the woods and the rest of the party would go on by stage to Wawona, and the next day to the Sentinel Hotel. I have thought it might be well for you to take young Joe LeConte as cook and guide; possibly, however, we could have LeConte go with the rest of the party, and give you a man whom Mr. A. S. Mann, the Secretary of Washburn Brothers, has recommended to me as a man who is particularly well acquainted with that region and particularly well able to take care of the horses, food, etc. Evidently the President does not want a crowd along; he may not want anybody besides yourself.

Very faithfully yours,

*Benj. I. Wheeler*

Mr. John Muir,  
Martinez,  
California.