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March 17, 1983

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms P.O. Box 385 Washington, D.C. 20044

Re: Notice No. 450
Establishment of
Russian River Valley
Viticultural Area

Gentlemen:

We request that the boundaries of the Russian River Valley viticultural area be extended to include a vineyard owned and operated by F. Korbel and Bros.

This 105 acre vineyard was inadvertently excluded from the original petition. The location of this vineyard is Laughlin Field which is adjacent to Armstrong Woods Road. This vineyard is planted in Chardonnay, Pinto Noir, Chenin Blanc and Grey Reisling.

All geographical features such as climate, soil and elevation which apply to the original boundaries of Russian River Valley petition also apply to this vineyard and it should, therefore, be included within the boundaries of this viticultural area.

27 CFR Part 9.66 (c) Boundaries would then read:

The Russian River Valley viticultural area is located in Sonoma County, California.

- (1) Starting point Healdsburg map Healdsburg Avenue Bridge over the Russian River at Healdsburg. Proceed south along Russian River to where Foreman Lane meets the river at mouth of Dry Creek.
- (2) Proceed west along Foreman Lane to where it crosses Westside Road and becomes Felta School Road.

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- (3) Proceed west on Felta School Road to the point where it crosses Felta Creek.
- (4) Proceed 18000' up Felta Creek to its headwaters as shown on the Guerneville map as "Springs".
- (5) Proceed southwest in a straight line 58 degrees W 27000' more or less to an intersection with Hulbert Creek, on Cazadero map.
- (6) Proceed south and southeast along Hulbert Creek to the point where it intersects California Hwy 116, on the Duncans Mills map.
- (7) Proceed west along California Hwy 116 to Monte Rio where it intersects the Bohemian Hwy.
- (8) Proceed south along the Bohemian Hwy onto the Camp Meeker map and then the Valley Ford map to the town of Freestone where it intersects the Bodega Road.
- (9) Proceed east along the Bodega Road onto the Sebastopol map to the city of Sebastopol where it becomes California Hwy 12 then along California Hwy 12 to its intersection with Wright Road.
- (10) Proceed north along Wright Road to where it becomes Fulton Road and into the town Fulton to where it intersects River Road.
- (11) Proceed east along River Road to its intersection with Mark West Springs Road.
- (12) Proceed north east along Mark West Springs Road through the Santa Rosa map and onto the Mark West map to where it becomes Porter Creek Road and onto its intersection with Franz Valley Road.
- (13) Proceed north along Franz Valley Road to the northerly most crossing of Franz Creek.
- (14) Proceed west along Franz Creek until it intersects the line separating Section 21 and Section 22.
- (15) Proceed South on this line separating Sections 21 and 22 to the corner common to Sections 21 and 22, and Sections 27 and 28.
- (16) Proceed west from the common corner of Sections 21 and 22 and 27 and 28 and in a straight line to the peak of Chalk Hill on the Healdsburg map.

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- (17) Proceed west from the peak of Chalk Hill in a straight line to the point where Brooks Creek joins the Russian River.
- (18) Proceed north west in a straight line 8000' to a peak marked 772' elv. on the Jimtown map.
- (19) Proceed north west in a straight line from hill top 772' elv. to hill top 596' elv.
- (20) Proceed north west in a straight line from hill top 596' elv. to hill top 516' elv.
- Proceed north west in a straight line from hill top 516' elv. to hill top 530' elv.
- (22) Proceed west in a straight line from hill top 530' elv. to hill top 447' elv.
- (23) Proceed west in a straight line from hill top 447' elv. to the point where Alexander Valley road meets Healdsburg Avenue.
- (24) Proceed south along Healdsburg Avenue through the city of Healdsburg on the Healdsburg map to the point where it crosses the Russian River at the point of beginning.

We hope you look favorably upon this request to extend the boundary lines to include this vineyard.

Sincerely,

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March 10, 1983

Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms P. O. Box 385 Washington D.C. 20044-0385

Re: Notice No. 450

Establishment of Russian River Valley Viticultural Area

Dear Sir:

The undersigned is a partner in the Iron Horse Vineyards, a winery, and the owner of the Iron Horse Ranch & Vineyards, which are located in both the proposed Russian River Valley Viticultural Area and the proposed Sonoma-Green Valley Viticultural Area.

The undersigned is fully in favor of the approval of the Russian River Valley Viticultural Area with the boundaries as presently proposed. If, however, a modification was made, which would exclude the Sonoma-Green Valley area from the Russian River Valley proposed area, the undersigned would object to such exclusion and would request the opportunity to comment orally at a public hearing on such exclusion.

I believe that at the time the petition for the establishment of the Sonoma-Green Valley Viticultural Area was made, the final boundaries of the Russian River Valley area proposal had not been finally established. In any event, the Sonoma-Green Valley application was made on the <u>assumption</u> that over-lapping viticultural areas would be allowed and that the Russian River Valley area would include at least a substantial portion of the Sonoma-Green Valley area. This is an extremely important point to wineries who may be using grapes from both areas but whose main winery facility may be located in only one of the areas. It would appear to us to be inappropriate to proceed with the Russian River proposed area, excluding Sonoma-Green Valley, without giving all of the interested parties a chance to reconsider their positions on Sonoma-Green Valley and on the Russian River Valley petitions. If, however, boundaries were left as presently

proposed, including overlapping, we do not believe that a public hearing should be required.

Very truly yours,

IRON HORSE VINEYARDS

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