

Mrs. Martha E. Church
Hood College
Frederick, Md. 21701

10/26/86

Dear Mrs. Church,

I'm glad to get your letter of the 24th.

Talking about this is, I think, a good idea. However, it cannot be until a few days after 11/15 because I'm pro se in an FOIA lawsuit that I believe Jerry will tell you is of historical importance and I believe involves, in addition, several important precedents.

After then I'd rather that the time be after 10:30 a.m. Until at least 10 daily I have walking therapy at the Fredericktowne Mall and while that takes a big hunk out of the day it is doctors' orders and is good for me.

I have nothing in any way unusual in mind for this archive. My major interests are its preservation and availability.


I do have one concern, that because the probability is that my wife will outlive me and because she, too, is a septegenarian with some health problems, I do not want her to be burdened in any way.

If Jerry did not tell you, your students are welcome to unsupervised access to all this information. Some have used it, I believe profitably, and some have said that being able to work in original materials was a fine educational experience. Some of these women have done first-rate work, Nancy Gillice for one.

At some point, I suggest, you may want your lawyer involved.

Meanwhile, if anyone wants to come out and take a look, fine.

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg

HOOD

C O L L E G E

The President

October 24, 1986

Mr. Harold Weisberg
7627 Old Receiver Road
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:


On behalf of the College, let me say how appreciative we are of your interest in making available to Hood College at some point in the future your extensive collection of materials gained through the Freedom of Information Act. In fact, Jerry McKnight tells us that you would like to explore leaving your collection, house and grounds to Hood. I would be quite willing to talk with you in the company of Barbara Hetrick, our dean of academic affairs, and Ed Pollock, our vice president for development and external relations. Should you wish this, just give Jerry or me a signal.

Also, I should state that we hope to have a new Library in place by 1993. As we develop plans, we would make certain they incorporate housing your document collection, which I know from talking with Jerry is unusually sizable. Should this unfold as planned, then we would need your advice about the future of your house and grounds.

Maintaining such a collection would be a challenge for us. Thus, we would want to talk through with you your expectations of us as custodians of such an important collection.

All of us send best wishes to you. We are very much aware of your concerns about your collection, and we hope we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,



Martha E. Church

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cc: Barbara Hetrick
Jerry McKnight
Ed Pollock
Joe Pastore