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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Harold:

It was wonderful to see you again. Thank you for making the special effort to come to the college for lunch today. You look wonderful and you sound every bit as astute as you have always been. It is such a privilege to know you and to be able to work with you on the transfer of this collection.

As we said at lunch, the work you have done is unparalleled in the world. You have compiled a legacy of immense value, both to researchers and to students and to the public at large. We are grateful to you for all of that work and for entrusting its safekeeping to our care. We will do all we can to ensure that the collection is kept secure and that the information is made available to as many people as possible and accessible in a user-friendly way. Your work is what makes all of this possible, and we are grateful.

As I mentioned, I am enclosing a draft of a letter that you might send to President Funk reiterating your desire to transfer official ownership of the collection to Hood College. In this way we can ensure that there is no ambiguity about your intent or about the ownership and control of the collection. If this wording is satisfactory to you, you may simply sign and return it. Otherwise, please modify it in whatever way more accurately reflects your intent.

Thank you again. We look forward to the official announcement of the collection once the electronic documentation is complete. I expect that will happen next year, partly depending on Clay Ogilvie's time constraints and how quickly his work can be complete. We will be in touch with you, either directly or through Jerry to plan that announcement as the time becomes closer.

In the meantime, it was wonderful to see you. I wish you all the best and continue good health.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "B. Bigelow", written over a horizontal line.

Bruce Bigelow

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Cc: G. McKnight