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Dear Jim;

What are the penalties, historically, for being six weeks late with a thank-you letter? (That's right- take him off guard with an intriguing question and he'll perhaps forget to be angry!)

We enjoyed working with you enormously; we loved it. We hope this is one of many collaborations to spread the word you have taken so much responsibility for collecting, organizing, and making available to us all, women as well as men.

The ideas and resources and help you provided for the lesbian history exhibit February 15 at Sheldon Andelson's home was invaluable; you gave us an idea of the history we have, and the history we must be responsible for. Gary Hundertmark and Donna Smith were so great on Sunday, a day of rest, that we can only imagine what dynamos they must be the rest of the week.

In short, we would like to thank you for your participation and help, and we'd like to continue a relationship with you and the Archives - we were able to provide a couple of afternoons of volunteers, and if you find that helpful perhaps we can do that more often, for example. Personally, that is, as an individual, maybe we can discuss two pet ideas: 1) shooting slides as illustrations to lectures or talks, as for example for Sharon McDonald's presentation upcoming, but finding the money to have the whole presentation then put onto videotape. (2) Starting a gay & lesbian film library with facilities for screening the films - (3) and providing a better facility for your collection and better living conditions for you.

It isn't only that these things need doing or are good ideas. It is a New Administration feeling that if we don't move toward bigness, we will move toward smallness; we must collect collect ourselves into cooperating units and then DO something as those units; then make THOSE units bigger.

But what I started to say was THANKS. On behalf of SCWU I thank you, and personally I thank you. I'd like it, and we'd like it, if you'd extend those thanks to Gary and Donna, too.

Sincerely,

Bunny Mac Culbert