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TED STEVENS
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April 8, 2014

U.S. Mail and Email (pkgamble@alaska.edu)

Patrick K. Gamble
President
University of Alaska
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Fairbanks, AK 99775-5000

Re: Ted Stevens Paper Project

Dear President Gamble:

In the spring of 2009 your predecessor, Mark Hamilton, on behalf of the University of Alaska, signed an agreement with Senator Ted Stevens concerning the deposit of his papers with the University. Those papers have been on deposit since 2009 and are being processed by staff at the Rasmuson Library in Fairbanks.

As the chair of the Ted Stevens Foundation, I have worked with BP and others to facilitate gifts of over \$1,000,000 to assist with the cost of processing the Senator's papers. The Foundation, under its prior name, is a signatory to the November 2009 Partnership Agreement between BP, University of Alaska Fairbanks and the UA Foundation. Over the past several months a number of events have occurred that have caused the Foundation to become more interested in the status of the papers project.

First, late last summer we learned the private funds donated to the University for processing costs have been expended or encumbered and without an infusion of additional funds the processing will be suspended. This came as somewhat of a surprise because we had been told at the outset these funds would more than cover the cost of the processing of the papers. We have since learned there may be \$126,000 remaining of the funds donated to assist with processing the papers.

Second, we learned at the same time that while the over 4000 boxes had been reviewed and the contents by file name had been catalogued, much processing remained to be done.

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Third, the Foundation retained a distinguished national expert in the area of archiving and processing of papers collections to assist and advise us. Last fall our expert traveled to Fairbanks to meet with the staff, review the progress to date and advise us as to what an appropriate level of organizing and processing would be for the collection

Fourth, Governor Parnell reached out to Mrs. Stevens to inquire as to the status of the papers and expressed an interest in ensuring the papers were properly processed and potentially digitized.

Fifth, the archivist recruited in the fall of 2010 to oversee the processing of the collection resigned from the University in January and took a position out of state. Her assistant with whom we have worked well was promoted to take her place. She has provided valuable support to the papers project for several years and continues to do so.

Sixth, at the Foundation's request, the staff at the Rasmuson Library provided us an estimate for the time and cost of the remainder of the processing and digitizing the collection. The estimate predicted it could take as long as 40 years to process the collection and cost over \$18 million dollars.

Taken together, these events have caused the Foundation and Mrs. Stevens to pause and evaluate the work that remains to properly preserve and process this important collection. With the departure of the former archivist and the need to obtain more funds, we think it is timely to work with the University to develop a comprehensive plan and budget for the remaining processing of the papers. We seek your assistance to facilitate such a plan.

The Foundation has been actively preparing a plan to raise funds to support the papers, from private and public sources. We look forward to updating you as this effort continues. In the short term, however, we would like to discuss how the approximately \$126,000 remaining from the existing grants from BP and others will be used.

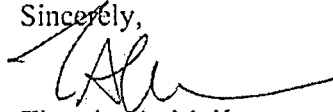
We request, before additional staff is hired, the University agree that in part those funds can be used for a short-term project to provide the University and the Foundation with additional support. Specifically, we would like to obtain the services of an archivist with experience in processing large papers collections to (a) assess the current status of the collection and the processing and report to the Foundation and the University; (b) work with the Foundation to develop a plan for the further processing of the collection; and (c) advise both the University and the Foundation as to their thoughts on the priorities for processing and organizing.

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Our purpose is twofold. First, we would like to obtain an independent assessment of the current status of the papers, the processing plan, the priorities of processing the papers and what that is likely to cost. Second, we think that working with someone with extensive archival experience would result in the development of a process which is consistent with other similar collections. We suggest the parties commit to recruiting someone for this task to be done over the course of this summer. The Foundation would be happy to take the lead in identifying such a person and would obviously make sure the person was acceptable to the University. We would ask the University to help with housing if possible, to compensate the consultant and to accommodate them at the library. We anticipate the consultant would work closely with the current archivist of the Ted Stevens Papers Project to develop a solid plan for moving forward.

We would like to move ahead with this review as soon as possible. I hope the University will agree that the process outlined above has value and will work with the Foundation to implement it. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,



Timothy A. McKeever
Chair

cc: Mrs. Catherine Stevens (via email)
Chancellor Brian Rogers, University of Alaska Fairbanks (via U.S. Mail and email)
Dean of the Libraries Bella Gerlich, University of Alaska Fairbanks (via US Mail and email)
Carla Beam, President, University of Alaska Foundation (via U.S. Mail and email)

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Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Re: Ted Stevens Papers

3 messages

Suzan Hahn <slhahn@alaska.edu>

Fri, Mar 13, 2015 at 3:29 PM

To: "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

Bcc: sbishop@alaska.edu

Mr. McKeever,

I've spoke with Matt Armour, Sr. Contract Manager, Facilities Services Design and Construction, regarding the floor loading weight of the papers and compact shelving located on level 1. In this particular case, the collection is sitting on a slab on grade. It is a 4" slab of 4500 psi concrete on material compacted to 5000 pounds per square foot. With this in mind, Mr. Armour indicated that floor loading weight was not an issue of concern for the project. He would be happy to share the floor specifications with you.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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On Tue, Mar 10, 2015 at 3:16 PM, Timothy A. McKeever <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com> wrote:

Dear Dean Hahn,

I am following up on Chancellor Roger's letter to Catherine Stevens concerning the Ted Stevens Papers. As you know, Brian Rogers indicated we should work with you to handle the details of the transition.

One issue has come up as we look for space and that is the "floor loading" weight of the papers. I am told that when the shelving was installed someone would have looked at the space where it would go and that whether the floor could support the weight of the papers i.e. what the floor loading is. In particular with the compact shelving that the papers are on, the weight placed on the floor by the rails would have been determined and the placement of the rails would have been done in a way that made sure the weight could be adequately supported. Is it possible for us to have that information about the weight and floor loading of the papers. It would very much help with our search for space.

If you would like to discuss this please call me at 907 274 0666. Thank you for your assistance.

Tim McKeever

Chair

Ted Stevens Foundation

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Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Fri, Mar 13, 2015 at 4:52 PM

To: Suzan Hahn <slhahn@alaska.edu>

Thanks.

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Suzan Hahn <slhahn@alaska.edu>
To: Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Fri, Apr 24, 2015 at 4:26 PM

Here is Tim McKeever's email.

Suzan

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From: **Suzan Hahn** <slhahn@alaska.edu>

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From: **Timothy A. McKeever** <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>
Date: Fri, Apr 24, 2015 at 2:58 PM
Subject: RE: Ted Stevens Papers
To: Suzan Hahn <slhahn@alaska.edu>

Dean Hahn,

Thank you for finding the time today to talk with me about the move of Senator Stevens papers. Our goal is accomplish the move of the papers, the shelving, the media materials and the memorabilia with as little disruption to the functioning of the University as possible.

As I told you we are close to finalizing the rental of space in Anchorage and hope to have that done next week. We will not be in a position to relocate the papers, shelving et. al. until after the current semester is over and we are hoping to get it done shortly thereafter. Our exact timing depends on when the new space can be ready to accommodate the move.

As you know we have offered Elsie a position with the papers project in Anchorage. Her knowledge of the collection is very important to our effort to continue the processing and we hope her departure will not present a problem for you and the University.

I look forward to talking with you next week about some of the other issues we discussed including the oral historys, the media materials, access to or a copy of the database and the other items I mentioned. Is Thursday or Friday better for you for a follow up call?

Thanks again for your time.

Tim McKeever

From: Suzan Hahn [mailto:slhahn@alaska.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 3:09 PM
To: Timothy A. McKeever
Subject: Re: Ted Stevens Papers

Sounds good.

Suzan Hahn

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On Fri, Apr 24, 2015 at 1:06 PM, Timothy A. McKeever <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com> wrote:

2:30 today would be better for me.

From: Suzan Hahn [mailto:slhahn@alaska.edu]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2015 1:26 PM
To: Timothy A. McKeever
Subject: Re: Ted Stevens Papers

Mr McKeever,

Will 2:30 pm or 3:00 pm be suitable?

Suzan Hahn

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On Thu, Apr 23, 2015 at 1:46 PM, Timothy A. McKeever <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com> wrote:

Dear Dean Hahn,

Is there a good time for me to give you a call today or tomorrow? I have a few items I wanted to discuss when it is convenient for you.

Thanks.

From: Suzan Hahn [mailto:slhahn@alaska.edu]
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2015 4:30 PM
To: Timothy A. McKeever
Subject: Re: Ted Stevens Papers

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Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Fwd: Ted Stevens Papers

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Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Sat, Sep 13, 2014 at 6:42 AM

To: Brian Rogers <bdrogers@alaska.edu>, Susan Henrichs <smhenrichs@alaska.edu>, Kari Burrell <kburrell@alaska.edu>, Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

FYI. Bella

Bella Karr Gerlich, PhD
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From: "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

Date: Sep 13, 2014 9:03 AM

Subject: Ted Stevens Papers

To: "Elsie Eckman" <eeeckman@alaska.edu>

Cc: "Catherine Stevens" <catherineannstevens@gmail.com>, "Bella Gerlich" <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>, "Karina Waller" <karina.waller@gmail.com>

Dear Elsie,

Hope all is well with the new grand baby!

Sorry to bother you on the weekend but I just realized I forgot to tell you this.

As you know the foundation has received a grant from the legislature to assist with processing the papers. As part of our due diligence in connection with that grant we have asked Allan Stypeck to come up to Fairbanks next week to get an update on the papers project. He will be accompanied by Karina Waller and David Monsen who is on our board. They would like to meet with you, discuss where things stand, p look at a few boxes and just generally get an update of where things stand. They have made plans to be there on Wednesday the 17th and if necessary on the 18th.

I am sorry I did not alert you earlier—the plans came together when you were in Anchorage and then I was swamped with other stuff this past week.

They do not need a formal briefing. Allan has the finding aid and data base you prepared and probably want to discuss that with you and then look at some of the work that has been done. They also will need an update on the media collection.

Mrs. Stevens is aware of this and has given her consent to allow these folks to look at items in the collection.

Again my apologies for the late notice. I have cc'd this to Bella as well.

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Sat, Sep 13, 2014 at 6:44 AM

To: "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

Cc: Catherine Stevens <catherineannstevens@gmail.com>, Elsie Eckman <eeeckman@alaska.edu>, Karina Waller <karina.waller@gmail.com>, Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>, Catherine Williams <cewilliams2@alaska.edu>

Thanks, Tim.

We will get a parking space reserved.

Bella

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Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Fwd: IMPORTANT STEVENS This week

1 message

Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Tue, Sep 16, 2014 at 10:17 AM

To: Brian Rogers <bdrogers@alaska.edu>, Susan Henrichs <smhenrichs@alaska.edu>, Kari Burrell <kburrell@alaska.edu>
Cc: Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>, Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

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From: **Timothy A. McKeever** <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

Date: Tue, Sep 16, 2014 at 10:07 AM

Subject: This week

To: Elsie Eckman <eeckman@alaska.edu>, Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Cc: Catherine Stevens <catherineannstevens@gmail.com>, Allan Stypeck <research@secondstorybooks.com>, David Monson <david@susanbutcher.com>, Karina Waller <karina.waller@gmail.com>

Dear Elsie and Bella,

Thank you for your willingness to accommodate Allan, Karina and David on Wednesday.

There has been a slight addition in that Catherine Stevens and her sister Judy Bittner will be coming up from Anchorage to Fairbanks on Thursday and would like to visit the papers project on Thursday morning (and may have Allan and David join them.) As you may know Judy is the Chief of the Office of History and Archaeology at DNR and is the State Historic Preservation Officer. But she is not coming in her official capacity—just as one with some familiarity with the handling of historical materials. Catherine and Judy want a brief update on where the project stands. They have some other plans for the day so their visit will only be for about an hour or so. Again there is no need for any formal presentations—they want to visit the collection and just have a question and answer session with Elsie about the project.

Thanks.

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Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Re: This week

1 message

Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Tue, Sep 16, 2014 at 10:19 AM

To: "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

Cc: Elsie Eckman <eeeckman@alaska.edu>, Catherine Stevens <catherineannstevens@gmail.com>, Allan Stypeck <research@secondstorybooks.com>, David Monson <david@susanbutcher.com>, Karina Waller <karina.waller@gmail.com>, Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>, Catherine Williams <cewilliams2@alaska.edu>, Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Thanks, Tim.

We look forward to the visit. We will get a second parking space - please let us know about what time Mrs. Stevens and Ms. Bittner will be arriving Thursday.

Bella

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LIST OF MAIN THEMES THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO STEVENS researchers:

ANCSA LARGE collection

ANILCA LARGE

MAGNUSON STEVENS ACT/FISHERIES LARGEST

OLYMPICS LARGE (almost!)

Title IX SMALL

Denali Commission SMALL

Pipeline/oil development (some restricted files due to 9/11 and homeland security)

 ANWR LARGE (probably about = MSA/fisheries)

Native issues

 Subsistence LARGE

 Rural Development

 Safe water, sewer MEDIUM

 Housing SMALL to MED

Natural resources

 Timber/forestry/Tongass MED. To LARGE

Health

 Telemedicine SMALLEST

 Native health SMALL to MED

Although TELEMEDICINE is a smaller topic, more researchers might be interested in TITLE IX or the DENALI COMMISSION as a sample digitization project, or we could combine TELEMEDICINE and NATIVE HEALTH boxes for broader interest. The items in each above topic are RARELY the ONLY topic in a single box. I would suggest digitizing the entire box that contains the desired topic even though it has other topics -many times the documents are filed alphabetically by topic.

Another possibility is to start digitization of the earliest dated boxes rather than choosing a topic/theme. The topics in the early years might tend toward less controversial material and benefit the most from removal of metal and other damaging fasteners. The early years boxes would also contain many folders of the LARGE topics listed above.



Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Re: Assistant to the Archivist, Stevens Project

2 messages

Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

 ~~Fri, Aug 22, 2014 at 4:49 PM~~

To: Elsie Eckman <eeeckman@alaska.edu>, Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Thanks, Elsie! Copying Suzanne so she can track our contacts. Bella

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On Aug 22, 2014 4:38 PM, "Elsie Eckman" <eeeckman@alaska.edu> wrote:

Hi Tim,

I am working on putting the job description pieces together in a Word document. I do have a themes or topic list for the digitization process which I'm attaching. In addition to choosing themes to digitize first, Mary Anne and I had talked early on about digitizing the earliest dated boxes first. The earliest dated boxes would have some of the larger popular topics and would benefit the most from removing metal fasteners and other damaging items (rubber bands, etc.)

On the topics list, I did a database review/count on what are likely the most popular topics, then estimated on the other topics.

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Sun, Aug 24, 2014 at 11:05 AM

To: Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

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From: **Elsie Eckman** <eeeckman@alaska.edu>

Date: Fri, Aug 22, 2014 at 4:38 PM

Subject: Re: Assistant to the Archivist, Stevens Project

To: "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

Cc: Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>, "Stevens, Catherine Ann" <CStevens@mayerbrown.com>, Lily Becker <lilybecker49@gmail.com>, Karina Waller <karina.waller@gmail.com>

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8/25/2014

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Fwd: photo display in library

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Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>
To: Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Fri, Jul 18, 2014 at 11:10 AM

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From: **Elsie Eckman** <eeeckman@alaska.edu>
Date: Fri, Jul 18, 2014 at 10:56 AM
Subject: photo display in library
To: Karina Waller <karina.waller@gmail.com>, "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>, "Stevens, Catherine Ann" <cstevens@mayerbrown.com>
Cc: Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Good Morning all,

Suzanne Bishop and I have just completed a photo display on level 4 of the Rasmuson Library with the theme "Ted Stevens' Day 2014 - Get out and Play." I'm attaching photos of the large wall containing the display.

It features 15 photos of the Senator engaged in various fun activities such as fishing, golfing, curling, viewing musk ox, and 4 wheeling. I will have a new gallery on our website with the same photos soon.

On another note, I was contacted by KTUU reporter Austin Baird asking about materials from Senator Stevens' first 6 years in office. I told him the collection is still closed and that he might check with various libraries that have copies of the Stevens constituent newsletters for the early years, and to check with the Ted Stevens Foundation.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer and taking time out to play!

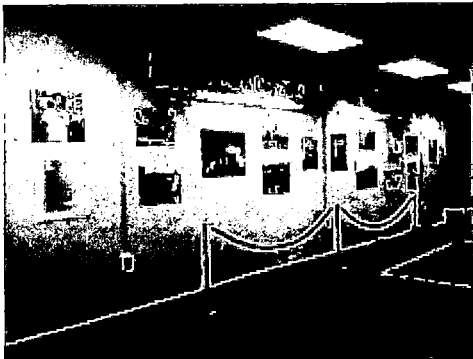
Best,
Elsie

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Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>
To: Suzanne Bishop <sbishop@alaska.edu>

Fri, Jul 18, 2014 at 11:18 AM

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From: **Stevens, Catherine Ann** <CStevens@mayerbrown.com>
Date: Fri, Jul 18, 2014 at 11:17 AM
Subject: RE: photo display in library
To: Elsie Eckman <eeeckman@alaska.edu>, Karina Waller <karina.waller@gmail.com>, "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>, "Becker, Lily" <lbecker@orrick.com>
Cc: Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Thank you Elsie for sharing this photo display with us. We look forward to all being out and about in Alaska for Ted's Day of Play. Hope to see you and view the display soon. Best regards, Catherine

From: Elsie Eckman [mailto:eeeckman@alaska.edu]
Sent: Friday, July 18, 2014 2:57 PM
To: Karina Waller; Timothy A. McKeever; Stevens, Catherine Ann
Cc: Bella Gerlich
Subject: photo display in library

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Best,

Elsie

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RECAP OF MEETING and Fwd: Our Fairbanks visit (Barb Mee)

1 message

Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Fri, Aug 1, 2014 at 3:33 PM

To: "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

Cc: Elsie Eckman <eeeckman@alaska.edu>, Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

Bcc: sbishop@alaska.edu

Tim -

Thanks very much for taking the time to meet with me last week - I also enjoyed the opportunity to join the reception at Alice Rogoffs home - it was good to see Catherine, Lily, Karina and Robyn, and meet some of the Senator's many admirers.

My takeaways from the meeting we had are as follows:

You were going to share the Stevens database printout. Elsie can answer any questions you may have. Just to reiterate, it is an internal tool, for the Stevens archivist / assistant only, and will not be searched nor accessed by anyone other than the archivist or assistant archivist, and Dean of Libraries, as appropriate.

You were going to talk with Catherine and others about the process of us hiring a seasoned political papers archivist to visit UAF for a couple of weeks to work with Elsie and give advice. This would be funded from the Stevens account; I propose we create a list of individuals to target and make proposals until we are successful in retaining one. We would be happy to share that list with you, prior to reaching out, if you like.

We will draft a position description with required qualifications for an assistant for Elsie; we will share this with you prior to conducting a search. You did not have a desire to be involved with hiring, and we will of course ensure the confidentiality agreements and so forth are signed by the successful candidate. This individual will be paid out of the remaining Stevens account.

We would work on a list of themes for item level processing that could then be open to the public at the appropriate time. Elsie is compiling a list of topics / themes for consideration in the next phase of processing at the item level - she is estimating the size of each, i.e. 'small' or 'big' - of course, we can also do increments, depending on the subject - the Magnuson - Stevens act, for example, had different iterations / drafts done over the years, so one could parcel that down. Together we should determine which small collection to start with, then move ahead to process and digitize as a pilot project. (Elsie and I should send you a list of steps involving the processing / digitization). At the conclusion of the pilot, we coordinate a time for all of us to review before proceeding further.

We talked about digitizing the photographs, and posting online for people to make identifications in the photos (as per the agreement, any photos of family found would not digitized, and will be sent to Catherine). I recommend we do this as soon as possible, as it will draw a lot of interest. You were going to discuss with Catherine et al, and we can move ahead when ever.

We are planning on having a booth at AFN in October, as we did last time. I will try to secure funding from another source (cost is \$2500) and share with another entity on campus also planning a booth (Troth Yedda).

Also, please see the forwarded email. Barb Mee is planning a visit to Fairbanks - I would like to have her interviewed for an oral history as part of the Project - I am willing to pay for this interview with some funds I have set aside for opportunities such as this - my questions to you are: a) can we interview Barb for the Project? and b) can she review some files in the collection, if she asks? (we will ask her to sign a confidentiality agreement, as we do of anyone regardless of affiliation).

Lastly, I have a question of process: do you want me to send future correspondence like this to just you, or prefer I include Karina, Catherine & Lily? Elsie is also planning on sending updates on work being done every other Friday - whom would you like to receive these reports?

Let me know if there is something I have missed - thanks again for the meeting; we are excited to carry on this important work honoring the Senator's legacy for Alaskans.

Best,

Bella

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From: **Barb Mee** <bandvmee@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Jul 27, 2014 at 10:11 AM

Subject: Our Fairbanks visit

To: bkgerlich@alaska.edu

Bella Karr Gerlich, PhD
Dean of Libraries

How nice to meet you at the Stevens' reception last night. I thought we'd met before - but possibly not. We did meet and visit with Mary Anne Hamblen in Fairbanks a couple of years ago - and as I said - I was so overwhelmed with the Stevens' project I knew I'd have to visit again to take it all in.

We plan to arrive in Fairbanks around the 9th... and participate in the Senior games the 12th, 13th and 14th. (they are generally over mid afternoon)... and we would plan to depart Fairbanks the 16th. Should there be an opportunity for the oral history interviews you mentioned - I'd be honored to do so.

If something can be worked out, just let me know. You can reach me via email - and/or 907 360-6655..

Again, so nice to meet you and thanks for the offer.

Barb Mee
907 360-6655

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Date: Fri, Feb 7, 2014 at 2:34 PM

Subject: RE: FW: Your memo of last evening

To: Bella Gerlich <bkgerlich@alaska.edu>

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Delivering accurate budget projections for a project of this magnitude is extremely time consuming; each piece of paper has to be reviewed for content, condition and potential for review, as the Foundation requested. Only Mary Anne and Elsie have the necessary knowledge of the criteria outlined by the Foundation. Our own internal goal for completing the estimates was by the end of January, but this timeline was impacted by holiday closures, staff leave, and Mary Anne's decision to take another position.

Having said that, I had already set a deadline of 2/6 (Thursday) for the estimates to be completed. My plan is to review the estimates with administration before sending them to you, and I will do my best to deliver them by the end of the week.

Bella

On Tue, Feb 4, 2014 at 2:48 PM, Timothy A. McKeever <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com> wrote:

Dear Bella,

Thank you for your memo of last evening. I was disappointed to hear of Mary Anne's departure and will be taking some time to think about the implications of the changes you discussed.

But in the meantime, I need to address the estimates we discussed when we met at the Library on December 6. At that meeting I asked for three estimates: one for the cost of the remaining processing as we described at that meeting, a second for the cost of digitizing the collection and a third estimate and plan for an oral history project. The third is less crucial than the first two. I asked that we get at least the first two by the middle of January.

It has now been almost 8 weeks since we requested these estimates and we must have them this week. The Governor's Office has asked us for costs for these projects and we need to get them a response. Your memo suggests we might expect them in "the next few weeks" and that is simply not acceptable. We need to put together a budget and these estimates are an integral part of that process.

Please assure me that the estimates for the remaining processing and the cost of digitizing will be done this week.

From: Bella Gerlich [mailto:bkgerlich@alaska.edu]
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:05 PM
To: Stevens, Catherine Ann; Lily Becker; Timothy A. McKeever; Karina Waller; David Monson
Cc: Brian Rogers; Mike Sfraga; Susan Henrichs; Kari Burrell; Carla Beam; Mary Anne Hamblen; Elsie Eckman; Suzanne Bishop; ua.president@alaska.edu; Bella Gerlich
Subject: Mary Anne Hamblin Appointment

Attached in a memo regarding Stevens Project Archivist Mary Anne Hamblin.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

Bella

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Re: Vice President Biden's collection from Senate career comes to UD

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Thu, Aug 1, 2013 at 11:42 AM

To: "Timothy A. McKeever" <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com>

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It is certainly in our plans; the Library's development officer, Suzanne Bishop (whom I believe has contacted you in the past) is continually on the look out for opportunities like this - at the state levels as well. She is also in close contact with Teresa Thompson, SFOS development officer, for potential partnership opportunities and CLA development officer for collaborations with the Liberal Arts / Social Sciences (like Northern Studies, for example).

The Stevens Day outreach went very well, by the way. People at the Republican Women's BBQ enjoyed the exhibit Mary Anne, Elsie and Rachel Seale (assistant archivist) put together. The coordinator of the event was very happy with our participation and said they will call upon us in the future - that was nice to hear.

Bella

On Thu, Aug 1, 2013 at 10:53 AM, Timothy A. McKeever <Tmckeever@hwb-law.com> wrote:

<http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2012/jun/library-biden-papers-061112.html>

See the attached story about VP Biden's records. Note that near the end the story notes that the UD obtained a grant to help with some of the costs. Is the University of Alaska seeking such grants from federal agencies?

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University of Delaware Library staff applaud the arrival of boxes of senatorial papers from Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.

Biden papers arrive

Vice President Biden's collection from Senate career comes to UD

10:02 a.m., June 11, 2012--Over a span of almost 40 years, a person accumulates a lot of items: photographs, documents, videotapes and files. When the accumulator was one of the nation's most powerful and senior senators, the collection also includes committee reports, drafts of groundbreaking legislation and various other historical treasures, enough to fill 1,875 boxes.

This week, the senatorial papers of Vice President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., were delivered to the University of Delaware Library. The vast collection will be processed, preserved and housed in the UD Library's Special Collections Department, where staff members are nationally known for their expertise in managing political archives.

Biden, a 1965 graduate of UD, served as Delaware's senior senator prior to becoming vice president in 2008. In September, he donated his papers to the library, signing the agreement during a ceremony in Mitchell Hall.

The papers and other media reflect Biden's 36-year tenure in the U.S. Senate. His six consecutive terms spanned seven presidents and ended with Biden as chair of the prominent Committee on Foreign Relations. The collection offers a glimpse into some of modern day's most notable events, including wars in Vietnam, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan.

"The Biden Senatorial papers will document a remarkable personal career, but equally will help scholars understand a great deal about those significant decades," said Susan Brynteson, vice provost and May Morris Director of Libraries.

Senatorial papers contain the voices of Biden and his staff who worked diligently answering constituent questions, researching and formulating policy and writing legislation.

"I do think you gain a better respect for what Congress and our government is about. That's one of the great things about study and research is bringing people to understanding and appreciating American government and the role of Congress," said L. Rebecca Johnson Melvin, head of the library's manuscripts and archives department and curator of the collection.

Johnson Melvin said in cataloging collections like this, she is always struck by just how much bipartisan effort goes into legislating. She hopes other scholars uncover similarly interesting topics in the Biden collection.

"There are so many issues you can look at, such as leadership in Congress. What were the various social and political issues over time – foreign relations, economic issues, any number of topics? There's something for everyone in this collection," she said.

Library staffers say they look forward to collaborating with UD faculty to integrate the collection into curricula.

"I can see term papers and master's degrees and dissertations as well as books from faculty researching in the areas in which the vice president was involved with legislation," Brynteson said.

The papers are expected to be available to the public two years after Biden's last day in elected public office.

New compact shelving was installed to house the immense collection. The mechanized shelves, colloquially called "stacks on tracks," compress together, eliminating the wasted space typically dedicated to aisles. At the push of a button the stacks separate to create an aisle when needed.

In addition to the contents of the boxes, the collection also includes 415 gigabytes of electronic records. The library received a \$30,000 directors grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities to support computer technology for the e-storage and other archival supplies.

Article by Andrea Boyle Tippet

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