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PRISCILLA:
Please try to get this to Admiral Zumwalt right away. I will call him after my first lecture this morning (shortly after 10:30 your time), and it would be useful for him to see this material before that conversation. Thanks

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April 19, 1993

Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.
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Dear Admiral Zumwalt:

It now seems as though the administration of the University is moving toward a decision concerning acquisition of the Pike Collection. President Lawless has called a meeting on the topic for November 5th

The critical issue, as far as the administration is concerned, is funding for archival staff, which has been estimated at approximately \$50,000 per annum, permanently. There is an understandable reluctance to undertake such an open-ended commitment at a time when funds are not so easily come by.

In order to relieve this concern, we have proposed that the Center undertake fund-raising with the ultimate goal of endowing the archivists' positions. In the medium term, we will endeavor to raise the necessary funds on a yearly basis until the endowment has been established. In the short term, however, we would like to see the University undertake funding while we get our own funding effort organized. I enclose a memo produced by General Faver concerning the most recent fund-raising meeting, which outlines our strategy.

Major General Faver has agreed to head up our fund-raising effort, assisted by Mr Jim Garrett, vice president of Methodist Hospital here in Lubbock. Garrett is a Vietnam vet, absolutely dedicated to the project, and an experienced fund-raiser. And General Faver has many strong connections in the community here. I am optimistic that we will achieve success with this approach, *if the President can be convinced to give it a try.*

I asked General Faver whether he thought it would be appropriate for you to discuss the issue with President Lawless. His response was in the affirmative, and to the effect that if your support was to have any significant influence, then now would be the time to reiterate that support. If you would like to talk to General Faver, his phone number is: Office (806) 742-3630; home: (806) 794-6375. President Lawless's number: (806) 742-2121.

Very respectfully,

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Meeting, Thursday, 7 Oct., 1993, 1200

Subject: Center for the Study of the Vietnam Conflict
Attendees: Bill Wehner, David Starnes, Dudley Faver & Jim Garrett
Purpose: A planning session for the future of this Center

Summary

The general atmosphere was positive toward the future of the Center. It was agreed that the first order of business was to get the Pike Collection moved to Texas Tech.

Question: How much will it cost, specifically, to get it delivered into our hands? Is that amount within the bounds of what Dr. Haragan agreed to pay? Is his agreement in concrete? Once that is solid, then, do we know where it can be placed on an interim basis (how long is interim?) Is the Center financially able to finance the cost of the placement of the Collection on campus?

The second order of business or perhaps, better, a concurrent order of business was the development of a plan - short-term, medium-term and long-range.

a. Short-term

1. Get Pike Collection on campus
2. Establish a National Council at the level proposed in Dr. Reckner's memorandum
3. Initiate immediately a drive for donations among veterans, veterans groups, and interested organizations

b. Interim (within three years or any similar short period - perhaps up to the 2nd Vietnam Conference, 16-18 April 1996) Propose to solidify high level support, gather more materials and enhance Tech's reputation in this particular arena. Publicity enhancement phase.

c. Long-term (beyond three years) This is the endowment phase. Plan for and go after big potential targets, especially those who extend "matching fund" opportunities / "challenge" grants.

In the meantime, the representatives from Tech's Office of Development will put some notes together early next week. Dudley Faver agreed to get together with John Lowey and Jim Reckner early in the week. As soon as this is done, the two groups will have a combined meeting

Just a memory note: Jim Garrett has strong lead-in to Gen. Westmorland; David Starnes has entry to the Perot Foundation, and it was believed that Westmorland could help us significantly toward the Perot possibility.

Reported by
Dudley Faver