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Early in October President McClure asked if I would work with Lawrence and Bill Meeker in regards to their request for access to the Meeker collection. I contacted Lawrence and after exchanging emails at my request Lawrence sent me a list, using the inventory spreadsheet created for the collection, of items he and Bill would like to look at. Due to the fact that the storage site in Reno is not suitable for public access or research work, on October 26, 2013 following the procedure in the AWKL Collections Management Policy I removed four containers that were identified as containing a bulk of the items they wished to look at. This was witnessed by Director Gail McClure. These items were transported to my residence where the Meeker's and I had agreed to meet for this inspection of the requested materials.

On November 2, 2013 both Lawrence and Bill Meeker came to my home to look at the selected material. Prior to their inspection of any materials they both filled out the Application for Access to Collection Materials form. They then, under my supervision, looked at the previously identified material and identified items they would like copies of, which are some of the construction photographs. These copies would be in the form of digital images and not hard print copies. The requested material was identified as for personal use only.

They expressed concern about any fees that may be associated with this request and I directed them to discuss this with the Board of Directors. Kyle Wyatt had previously expressed the idea to them that any fees may be able to be waived. Their request for fee waiver has been submitted for inclusion on the November 2013 meeting agenda. There has been no paperwork generated for their request of copies of material at this time pending a decision by the Board concerning the fees. At the present time there will not be any cost to the Society. Prior to any fulfillment of their request appropriate paperwork will be completed.

I estimate that it will take approximately 2 to 3 weeks to scan the photographs. This will also provide the Society with the digital images of same.

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