

To J. W. Watts

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

From E. Wohletz

Inter-Office Memorandum

Subject Taylor Ranch

Date January 16, 1969

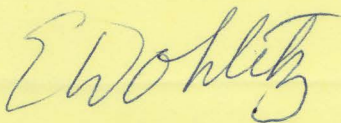
After discussing the matter with you by telephone, I asked Dr. Hornocker, on January 13, 1969, to call Mr. and Mrs. Jess Taylor concerning possible extension of the University's option to purchase their property. I requested Dr. Hornocker to contact the Taylors, in view of his past business and personal experiences with them. The gist of the conversation is as follows:

The Taylors are quite eager to see the University purchase the ranch for a wilderness research station. They do have two or more buyers willing to make the same concessions--as far as the Taylor's future use of the property is concerned--as will the University. They wish to discuss the matter of an extension of the University's option with President Hartung personally. Hornocker stated to the Taylors that he understood that Dr. Hartung was scheduled to be in Boise approximately February 1. The Taylors suggested a meeting with the President at that time in their home.

Hornocker got the impression, as a result of the conversation, that the Taylors would consider extending the option, but wished to discuss it with Dr. Hartung before making a decision. It is his feeling that the Taylors want the President's personal opinion on the University's chances of obtaining the funds. Further, Hornocker believes the Taylors wished additional payment if the extension is made.

The Taylors address is: Jess R. Taylor  
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