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David L. McKinney  
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Office of Financial Affairs  
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Dear Mr. McKinney;

As you are aware, there were no reservations or stipulations to our land gift to the University of Idaho in 1979. I am not associated with the University, so I am not in a reasonable position to assert requests for administrative procedures.

My transmittal letter with the land donation said something to the effect that the property had a pretty good stand of second growth timber and it had considerable sentimental value to us. Therefore, I requested the donation be made in the family name, rather than my name. We did hope the place would have some value for the education process of Forestry students and it would have pleased us if other property owners in the Priest River-Spirit Lake area could benefit from having closer contact with University forestry activity.

I recognize that obtaining the 867 acres of Forest Service property located adjacent to the University Experimental Forest would be a wise move as it would consolidate land holdings and simplify the land administrative process for you and the Forest Service. My concern in the matter is that the land exchange would result in a total loss of family identity.

However, I reiterate my original point that you are at liberty to administer the property in whatever manner you feel is most advantageous for student development. If the land exchange proposal most effectively serves that purpose, then you have my blessings.

Sincerely,

*James M. Spence*  
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