

To Dean Mosler

From R. I. Walker

Subject Wilderness/Cultural Research Date 5/13/75
poss. humanities studies mentioned in Comm. #5 minutes 5/6/75



University of Idaho

Inter-Office Memorandum

Attached please find my letter to a Dr. Loveland
5/12/75 and ~~the~~ letters from Dr. Loveland to

- ① The Board of Regents
- ② Jess and Dorothy Taylor

In writing the letter to Loveland I am
attempting to open communication channels
and poss. generate interest in further historical/
cultural research —

Note: The photo copying mentioned in my
letter was done on my own time & with my own
camera equipment & film — Dick

May 12, 1975

Robert M. Loveland, M.D.
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Dear Bob:

Though we have never met in person, after visiting with Jess and Dorothy Taylor, I'm sure we share a common interest in the concept of natural ecosystems, wilderness and the cultural and historical value of the Taylor Ranch.

I met Jess and Dorothy Taylor for the first time early last fall at the Taylor Ranch. We visited for awhile and then got down to the serious business of historical documentation via taped interviews. Like yourself, we have amassed over six hours of tape, as well as another two hours of taped interviews of their nearest, early-day-upstream residents at Cabin Creek (Jean and Lester Curtis). These tapes have yet to be transcribed.

Dave Johnson accompanied me on one of my flights into the Ranch. At that time we (Jess, Dorothy, Dave and I) decided that it would be a good time for Dave to write an article about Jess and Dorothy Taylor and the integral part they played in the history of the Lower Big Creek Drainage and the surrounding area. Through these interviews (yours, ours and others) Dave Johnson was able to write two articles which were published in the last two issues of the University of Idaho's "Context"; the first dealing with "Wilderness History" and the second dealing with the Taylor Ranch, its purpose and management direction.

The latter article was decided on after Dave and I flew into the Taylor Ranch to visit, photograph and tape. The following morning we helped Jess backpack in a nice Mule Deer buck that he had bagged the afternoon before. That evening we shared their hospitality and an excellent dinner of deer ribs and cooked vegetables. At that time Jess and Dorothy agreed to the future article. Dave was very excited and completed the story in very short order to meet the layout deadline for "Context".

Robert M. Loveland, M.D.

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May 12, 1975

Due to the lack of funding on the part of the College of Forestry, I will probably be on an Intergovernmental Personnel Act Loan from the University to the U.S.F.S. for either a nine month or one year period. During this period I will complete the field inventory and prepare a draft management plan for the Anaconda Pintlar Wilderness Area in southwestern Montana.

Hopefully the fiscal situation will look better next year and we can get on with the cultural aspect of wilderness and the Taylor Ranch in general and really get the ball rolling in applied research utilizing that excellent field laboratory.

I photocopied over 120 historical photographs on $2\frac{1}{4}$ x $2\frac{1}{4}$ format negatives and will forward contact print sheets later as time permits.

Hoping to make your acquaintance some time.

I remain,

Sincerely,

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cc: Dean Ehrenreich
Ken Sowles
Jess Taylor
Dave Johnson

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December 30, 1969

The Board of Regents
University of Idaho
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Gentlemen:

It has been a rare privilege to enjoy an increasing acquaintance with the work of Dr. Maurice Hornocker. Enthusiasm is apparently contagious and now several of my friends are also most impressed with the work of this brilliant young scientist. We are convinced that Dr. Hornocker's talent goes far beyond wildlife management, and that he will be one of the great ecologists of our time. We are writing because we feel strongly that those who make important contributions to ecological knowledge deserve the gratitude and the support of those who are concerned about the survival of the human race.

Foremost among those to whom we would express appreciation is the Board of Regents, particularly for your wisdom in appreciating the educational value of the Taylor Ranch and for your fortitude in preserving that important facility for the people of Idaho. It appears quite evident that the Taylor Ranch is the key to a wealth of important research which will have its best opportunity for development under the auspices of your great university.

Thanks are due also to Mr. and Mrs. Jess Taylor for their willingness to make a considerable sacrifice in order that their lovely property might be used in this most appropriate of all ways.

In addition to our thanks we are enclosing a somewhat more tangible evidence of our support in hopes it may be used to signify the great respect we have for Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, your Board and Dr. Hornocker.

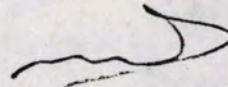
Mr. and Mrs. Taylor at Taylor Ranch have several most worthwhile pieces of Idaho memorabilia. It would be proper for this material to remain at the ranch. We feel it is possible that Mr. Taylor might make these keepsakes available if he could be assured they would receive adequate care. We would like to propose that the enclosed check be used to provide cases or other protective devices to permit safe display of this material, in consultation, we would suggest, with your university archivists.

Board of Regents
December 30, 1969

Should there be funds remaining we would hope they might be used for the storage of tapes upon which would be recorded interviews with Mr. Taylor, made in order to perpetuate his extensive personal knowledge of the history of the Idaho Primitive Area. We should be happy to provide the tapes and see to the interviews unless perhaps your department of history would be interested in such a project.

Again, for Dr. Charles Sutcliffe, Dr. Atilio Parise, Mr James Barnett, Mr. John Swope, Mr. Carleton Byrne, Mr. Ben Wetzel, Mr. Jerrold Russon, Mrs. Loveland and myself, our most sincere thanks to The Board of Regents and to Mr. and Mrs. Taylor for significant aid in the furtherance of Dr. Hornocker's important studies.

Very truly yours,



Robert M. Loveland, M.D.

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Enclosure

ROBERT M. LOVELAND, M.D.
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January 2, 1970

Dear Friends,

When fine people do something especially nice for the world we think somebody ought to say "thank you". We've told some of our friends about the vital part you have had in Maurice's work and we all thought it was time to find some way to tell you how much we appreciate what you have done.

Our conversation with Mr Taylor last summer gave us an idea, and the enclosed letter is the result. We hope you won't think us presumptuous, but it seemed right for the Taylors to have some recognition. It also seemed important to preserve some of the history Mr. Taylor knows so well.

We hope you and the agents will agree with our little plan and that the "Jess Taylor Collection" will become a reality. In any case we wanted you to know how much we have grown to expect you both - even on our short visits.

I hope see us when you can.

With warmest regards

Bob Loveland