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TO: Vice-President McKinney  
FROM: Ernest D. Ables  
SUBJECT: Taylor Ranch

Although we are maintaining the Taylor Ranch at a minimum level of activity this year, there are some things that need to be done. One problem is the low winter temperatures -- everything freezes including all foods. In order to store foods we need a root cellar. Last year the caretaker dug a hole into a hillside but we did not follow through with the materials.

Transporting propane by air into the Ranch is expensive. Water can be heated via coils in wood stoves. Ed Stohs has agreed to install these coils and has also examined plans for the root cellar.

We estimate total cost for these additions at \$2,000. Only materials for the cellar need be purchased, construction will be done by the caretaker and his father (who is a contractor).

Do you happen to have a couple of spare bills that could be contributed to this worthy cause?!

Sincerely,

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