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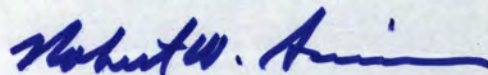
Dear Mr. Ables:

Thank you for your letter of July 1 concerning the possibility of assistance from the Rockefeller Family Fund toward a Proposal to Develop a Wilderness Library at the University of Idaho.

We are appreciative of your thought in writing, but we regret that the matter is not one with which the Family Fund could be helpful. The trustees of the Fund recently voted to terminate its education program in order to bring expenses more into line with receipts. Private foundations, like many other institutions and individuals, are experiencing the effects of sustained inflation and eroding values in the securities market. Faced with the need for retrenchment, the trustees elected to terminate the smallest of the Fund's four programs rather than to drastically weaken all of them through across-the-board budgetary cuts. The final decision was an especially painful one because of the Fund's historic commitment to public education and because the national needs at the level of secondary education remain so urgent.

We are sorry to send you this word, and wish you every success in your further efforts to secure support for your project.

Sincerely yours,



Robert W. Scrivner

Mr. Ernest D. Ables
Director
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July 16, 1980

Messrs. Ernest D. Ables and
Warren S. Owens
University of Idaho
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Dear Messrs. Ables and Owens:

Many thanks for your letter of July 1, 1980 regarding the University of Idaho.

The Contributions Committee of the PepsiCo Foundation has reviewed your request, but unfortunately, we will not be able to lend support. As I am sure you will understand, we cannot fund every worthwhile program.

Nevertheless, thank you for your interest in PepsiCo, and best of luck in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline R. Millan
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SKERRYVORE FOUNDATION INC.

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August 1, 1980

Mr. Ernest D. Ables, Director
Wilderness Research Center,
University of Idaho,
College of Forestry,
Moscow, Idaho 83843

Dear Mr. Ables:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter
of July 1, 1980.

Regrettably, the Skerryvore Foundation
will not be able to provide the financial support
you seek. The foundation is relatively small,
its resources are largely committed, and there are
no funds available for distribution at this time.
Consequently, the foundation must decline many
worthwhile causes, much as it would like to be
of help.

Very truly yours,

John R. Robinson
John R. Robinson,
Vice President

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Resources for the Future

Emery N. Castle, President

July 8, 1980

Mr. Ernest D. Ables
Director
Wilderness Research Center
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Dear Mr. Ables:

Your letter to Mr. Herbert with an outline for a proposal to establish a wilderness library at the University of Idaho has come to my desk. As one who spent more than two decades at Oregon State University I reviewed the materials with more than the usual amount of interest. I believe the idea is a good one and the University of Idaho would appear to be a logical location.

I regret that RFF is not in a position to help. We have only a small grants program (limited to \$30,000 per grant) designed to support research on natural resource public issues with particular emphasis placed on the social sciences. It would appear that your proposal might more logically be presented elsewhere. Are there regional foundations that might provide help?

Thank you for thinking of RFF in this connection. I am sorry we are unable to provide the help you wish.

Sincerely yours,

Emery N. Castle

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July 10, 1980

Dr. Ernest D. Ables, Director
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University of Idaho
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Dear Dr. Ables:

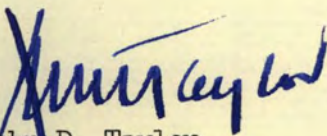
I have reviewed your letter of July 1 and regret that your request does not fall within guidelines established by Northwest Area Foundation. While personally very interested in your project, I'm afraid the Foundation has moved in other directions.

In the Spring of 1978, the Foundation's Directors developed a plan for underwriting programs in higher education during the next five years. For your information, I am appending a more detailed description.

Also, in late 1979, our Directors developed a plan to concentrate its funding in the Environmental Science and Technology fields. They approved a five-year plan to underwrite basic science research at the University of Minnesota and the University of Washington, and also provided a sum of money to Research Corporation for research support for professors teaching at institutions within the Foundation's eight-state region.

I am sorry that our response could not have been more favorable.

Sincerely,



John D. Taylor
Executive Director

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