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Angela Bates, President The Nicodemus Historical Society RR #2, Box 139 Bogue, KS 67625

Dear Angela:

I very much appreciated the time you gave me a couple of weeks ago to help me get a handle on Nicodemus' present and future. I found the backgrounding you provided invaluable. My heartfelt thanks.

Though it was a lot of driving—almost 4,000 miles' worth—my trip to Kansas was entirely worthwhile. I took your advice on returning to Hays via Palco and Ellis and now have some feel for what a long walk that was in the old days. After a morning at Ft. Hays State, I got back on the main drag heading East. I did not see any grey Hondas zooming past me; perhaps you were already ahead of me on I-70 before I got back on it. In any event, I trust your trip to Kansas City was a success.

At Lawrence (Boy, KU has a nice-looking campus), I donned white gloves to go through the Nicodemus Historical Society's photos. From my notes, I've typed up a list of the images that interested me (on my return to NYC, I saw some of them again in the John Bright Mann video). I'm enclosing two copies of my list, one for your records. The other, if you approve, I request that you send on, together with your note of permission, to Sheryl Williams or Deborah Dandridge at the Kansas Collection, so that I can get them to print up reproductions for me. At this point, I cannot say which of these images will be among those selected for our book, since our editor at Simon & Schuster obviously will have a lot to say about that. But should we choose any, some or all of the photos, I will keep you fully apprised on the final cuts and will take personal responsibility in assuring that all the fees, credits and other requirements for photo reproduction are scrupulously met.

Starting tomorrow, Nov. 1, I will buckle down to serious writing. From time to time over the next three months, I hope to be able to call on you to clarify points for me and help me get it right in other ways. To say that your involvement on our project is important to its success is probably an understatement, and I intend to acknowledge that in some appropriate way in the book.

Sincerely,

Daniel Chu