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Dear Angela:

I'm fast becoming an "expert" on Nicodemus and enjoying every minute of it. The Nicodemus project has opened many doors for me.

The Bike Tour has the making of a very interesting event. I think we can figure on about 30 participants. Some preparations you can help with are as follows:

- 1) Lodging as soon as I get an actual list -- approx. June 15.
- 2) Informal Friday evening gathering in Nicodemus for the history.
- 3) Scheduled rest stops in each town to include fruit, water donuts, bakery items, and maybe a souvenir of the town.
- 4) A shortened route for some who might want to return early.

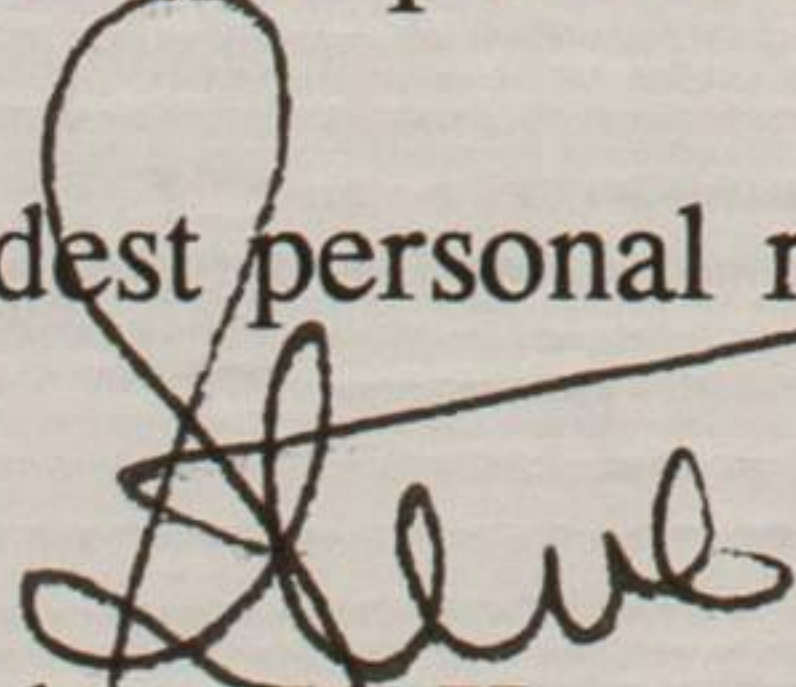
I have suggested to LucyAnn Kerry that we do a brief video tape to use for fund raising. She could describe the project and you could summarize the history. I'd appreciate your thoughts on the matter.

In my fund raising activities, I have encountered three resources that might be helpful. The Gentlemen of Distinction, The Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Center, and the Metropolitan Ebony Theater. Cheryl Collins of the Theater saw the word "Home" in the Salina article and immediately linked it to her play. If you have an opportunity to travel to Kansas City, June 8-23, I'd like for you to see this production. I'm thinking that the documentary could be the basis for a play.

Angela, I'm in the process of finalizing a grant proposal. I'm thinking that your visit to Kansas City would be an effective way to launch a fund raising for the Nicodemus Project and to heighten the awareness of Nicodemus. With sufficient notice I can arrange talk show interviews, newspaper articles, etc.

I'd like to plan a trip to Nicodemus the last week in June.

Kindest personal regards,


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LucyAnn Kerry