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Dear Mr. Holland:

Thank you very much for the encouraging information re the National Archives files on the Point Pinos Lighthouse. I talked with the City Manager this morning and believe it likely that the City Council will authorize microfilm duplication of the four available logs and the Clipping File. The authorization of funds is not expected, however, before January 1st. We'll order directly from the National Archives once funds are available.

The interpretive development of the lighthouse will be at a slow methodical pace with no particular time-table established. Much, of course, depends upon the active use of the light by the Coast Guard. It is fairly well accepted that automation will cause abandonment of the Point Pinos structure within the next few years. Certainly no thought of restoration can be entertained while the light is active and Coast Guardsmen quartered in two rooms.

The exhibit approach that I am working toward for the Point Pinos Lighthouse will be in the form of Coast Guard equipment used in the safety of this section of the California coast. The period room restoration will probably not be used here unless original furnishings can be procured. A volunteer guide system is planned for the present.

Your efforts in our behalf have saved considerable time and expense. Please accept my sincere thanks.

Sincerely yours,

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