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Dear Arild:

At the Rockford Meeting of the Midwestern Association of Chemistry Teachers in Liberal Arts Colleges, the Executive Committee discussed the feasibility of establishing the Harry Lewis Archives and having it located at the Institute of Paper Chemistry. At that time I mentioned it to you and asked if it would be possible for you to act as Chairman of an Organizational Committee for the above purpose. If I recall correctly, you indicated you would be willing to serve in this capacity. Along with this letter to you I am also asking Joe Danforth, Ed Fuller, Ed Haenisch and Berwyn Jones to serve with you on the planning and establishment of the Archives.

At Rockford it was suggested that we make a Constitutional and/or By-Law change establishing the office of Archivist. I believe this might be premature at present and that we might better work through a committee. It would be appropriate for any Constitutional change to come in 1976 and to have the Archives established by the time we hold our 25th meeting at Monmouth in 1977.

It seems to me that the establishment of the Archives at Appleton in honor of Harry Lewis would be most appropriate. However, some questions do arise.

- 1) Is it possible for MACTLAC to maintain a continuing tie with the Paper Institute even after you have reached retirement age and our special connection with the Institute through you is no longer possible.
- 2) How much work are we asking of an individual to take over the collection and preservation of MACTLAC records and memorabilia which are historically valuable to us.
- 3) Would the Institute of Paper Chemistry provide some Archive space in its library facilities or would space have to be found in some other central location. It may be possible that some arrangement can be made with Lawrence. I would believe that we would have to establish some depository which is permanent (at least in the foreseeable future) and the appointment of an Archivist who was based at that institution and willing to assume the position for some length of time.
- 4) What is the best way to solicit material for deposit? Possibly the chairmen of departments who have been actively engaged in the establishment of the organization know of such materials at present.

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5) How could we best use the Archives and would it be possible in the very near future to provide a historical summary of the activities of our organization during the last twenty-five years. We probably could use such information when we need to present our impact upon chemical education.

These are some of the thoughts I have had relevant to the work of your committee. I hope you might be able to initiate something which will lead to the establishment of this memorial to Harry Lewis and can get some ideas from other members of your committee so that we can have a first report at Drake on October 10th, 1975. I will be happy to hear from you and many thanks.

Best regards,


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