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## Dear Mr. Sampson:

In keeping with the tradicion established by other former Presidents, it is my desire to conate to the United States, at a future date, certain of my Presidential papers which are of historical value to our Country. In donating these Presidential papers to the United States, it will be my desire that they be made available, with appropriate restrictions, for research and study.

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In the interim, so that my papers may be preserved, I offer to transfer to the Administrator of General Services (the "Administrator"), for deposit, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 2101, et seq., all of the papers, documents, manuscripts, books and other materials pertaining to my Presidency (the "Materials"), subject to the following:

- The Administrator agrees to accept solely for the purpose of deposit the transfer of the Materials, and in so accepting the Materials agrees to abide by each of the terms and conditions contained herein.
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4. The Materials shall, upon acceptance of this offer by the Administrator, be deposited temporarily in a facility belonging to the United States, located within the State of California near my present residence. The Materials shall remain deposited in the temporary California facility until such time as there may be established, with my approval, a permanent Presidential archival depository as provided for in 44 U.S.C. § 2108.

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5. The Administrator shall provide in such temporary depository and in any permanent Presidential archival depository reasonable office space for my personal use in accordance with 44 U.S.C. § 2108(f). The Materials in their entirety shall be deposited within such office space in the manner described in paragraph 6 hereof.

Within both the temporary and any permanent Presidential archival depository, all of the Materials shall be placed within sealed storage Containers to which access can be gained only by use of two keys. One key, essential for access, shall be given to me alone as custodian of the Materials. The other key may be duplicated and entrusted by you to the Archivist of the United States or to members of his staff.

- 7. Access to the Materials within the sealed con-
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If you determine that the terms and conditions set forth above are acceptable for the purpose of governing the establishment and maintenance of a depository of the Materials in Schedule A, pursuant to 44 U.S.C. § 2101, please indicate your acceptance by signing the enclosed copy of this letter and returning it to me.

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