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MEMORANDUM

MEMO: Nancy Gauss
FROM: Harriet Crowe *HBC*
THROUGH: Cliff Murino *cf m*
SUBJECT: Earl Droessler Interviews for the NCAR/UCAR Archives

Nancy:

This is to confirm UCAR's agreement for Earl Droessler to carry out some interviews, and to produce tapes of same for the UCAR/NCAR archives, with people important in UCAR's history. I must first apologize to you and Earl for the long time it has taken UCAR to "get its act together" on this matter. But, as Earl pointed out to you in your phone conversation with him, we have waited long enough that the weather in the northeast is reasonable, and so the interviews can begin with Henry Houghton!

Cliff has agreed, and by his signature on this memo we are so-advising Rawson et al about the fiscal commitment, to support at this time two interview trips by Earl (Cliff's suggestions regarding these trips summarized below), and the associated expenses, including tapes. When you have had the chance to review the tapes, we would like you to recommend regarding their transcription, with an estimate of the total cost for same, and we will decide how much/if to fund that, too.

The trips Cliff suggests, in their order of importance to accomplish and with an indication of the people we suggest be interviewed, are given below.

TRIP 1

Northeast. Massachusetts--Houghton, Malone. Pennsylvania--Wilkinson, Blackadar and Eric Walker (president of Penn State at time of inception of UCAR, and involved, per Cliff). Hosler was not involved in the beginning but could do more recent history. Note that Cliff does not feel that the interview with Schaefer is needed. Estimated duration and cost: 6-8 days; \$2000.

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TRIP 2

Southeast and West Coast. Arizona--Kassander. California--Byers. Cliff does not feel that Lewis Douglas or Gene Bollay are needed for the UCAR archives; interviews with these folks may be of interest to the AMS. Paul Klopsteg's status (alive and well?) is not known, but if he were able an interview with him would be of interest to UCAR. Estimated duration and cost: 5 days; \$1000.

Tape costs, and other miscellaneous (postage, phones) will total about \$60-100.

Cliff would enjoy doing some interviews himself, Nancy, and he suggests in particular that he interview Baum and Calhoun. Baum visits Boulder/UCAR fairly often and so it would be efficient to interview him while here. Cliff has fairly frequent occasion to visit Texas and could be in touch with Calhoun. He would like also, if the schedule permits, to participate with Earl in the Houghton visit, although he says that we should not hold up on doing that interview on account of his schedule. (If it doesn't work out to coincide with Earl's plans, Cliff will plan a separate visit with Henry.) We will need to work out the logistics for Cliff's interviews.

Again, my apologies to you and Earl, who must have thought we had forgotten his generous offer to help in this activity. Mea culpa! Will you handle details of arrangements with Earl and let me know if you need any assistance from our office, such as to arrange travel and reimbursement for him? Thanks.

- End of Memorandum -

cc: E. Droessler
HBC/history

cc: S. Stillwell
D. Blagov