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P.O. Pinos
Lights Manual

Mrs. Eleanor L. Prosser
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Monterey, California

Dear Madam:

Your letter to the Commanding Officer, Monterey Group, requesting information relative to Point Pinos Lighthouse has been referred to this office for any possible assistance to you that might be available.

This office has on file Reports of the United States Lighthouse Board dating back to 1873. Small items of historical interest are scattered throughout these yearly reports, however, these incidents have never been correlated into a complete history of any one lighthouse in this area. Several authors and students of history have assembled much data from these reports and other sources of information for several of the lighthouses in the Bay Area, but to the knowledge of this office no one has ever undertaken to do the same for Point Pinos Lighthouse.

The information on file in this office is available to you, but inasmuch as they are a part of the permanent files, and the only copies available of this information in existence, we cannot permit them to be removed from the office. You may feel free to visit the office and examine these documents, copy any pertinent extracts, or ask any questions which might arise in connection with your investigation.

It is believed the writing of a history of the interesting old lighthouse at Point Pinos is a laudable undertaking and should be very interesting and informative. We regret that we are unable to give you any further information in this matter, however, we would be glad to give you any other assistance that might be desirable or necessary.

Very truly yours,

W. L. SUTTER
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By direction of the District Commander

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