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Dear Mr. Holland:

Thank you very much for your kind letter of August 13th in which you offered to visit the National Archives in our behalf to check on what may be available on the Point Pinos Lighthouse. This would be greatly appreciated. Once we learn what items are retained by the Archives, the City will authorize funds to obtain copies.

I plan to visit with Dr. Hussey in the near future to look at your 1964 Historic Structures Report. I am most appreciative of your suggestions for obtaining a copy of the construction drawing at Cabrillo National Monument and for the references contained in your letter.

Be assured that the architectural integrity of the Point Pinos Lighthouse and the care of the prisms is uppermost in my mind. We are investigating possibilities for finding some way to enable the public to view the lighting mechanism. Since it is still an active light, I'm against direct access into the gallery. A fire escape-type ladder is a possibility. If erected, this would allow the public access to the outside balcony and still provide protection to the mechanism. It might also increase visitor safety since the staircase is an open invitation to a law suit. Should anything appear to be developing in this regard, I'll contact you and Dr. Hussey for opinions.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely yours,

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Curator

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