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Mr. Vernal L. Yadon, Director  
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Dear Mr. Yadon:

Thank you for your letter of 2 October 1977 and the interest you evidence concerning the cultural materials recovered during my excavations at Point Pinos. The marbles you refer to, along with the other cultural materials and the shell and charcoal samples, are stored at the Regional Archeological Resource Center, Cabrillo College, Aptos, California.

It is not only possible for you to obtain the marbles - you shall have them in your possession, hopefully within the week, as I am mailing them to you under separate cover. However, it is my considered opinion that the marbles are of recent origin for the following reasons: 1) their loci within the excavation units (disturbed strata - very close to ground surface); 2) their design elements (twentieth century); and 3) oral testimony (the children who live(d) in the house nearest Unit A during excavations identified the recovered marbles as "just like mine we lost here"). Should you decide the marbles are not of historical value, please return them to me at your earliest convenience.

The brick recovered from Test Unit C is also stored at the Resource Center and if you like I will send it to you. It may be of greater historical value than the marbles since the Point Pinos Lighthouse Museum attendant who was on duty during our excavations, identified it as being identical to ones used either in the latter part of the last century or the earlier part of the present century in constructing several brick walkways around the Lighthouse buildings. Please let me know your wishes regarding this matter.

Once again, thank you for your letter and concern, and especially for your offer to take custody of some of the artifactual materials. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



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