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Nice talking with you on Friday. What we are doing now is shooting for a five minute film that will be shown to handicapped persons inside the back entrance of the lighthouse. It is meant to be a short visual tour of the lighthouse. If it works out as it is supposed to, it will probably be on display for quite a few years.

Monday, May 31, we will be coming in with a boom truck (small truck, big jib) about 9:15. It takes about 1.5 hours to erect and stabilize the boom and the cinematographer plans to be shooting exteriors and the lantern room from about 11 to 1. If you were interested in doing so, we could get a shot of a Coast Guard team (one or two people in uniform) "inspecting" the lantern room, maybe directed by a person on the ground (yourself pointing up)...or just one person (yourself) if you wanted to appear and be in the tower studying the lens preparatory for an inspection...just a thought...but the city and the Coast Guard have been good partners at the lighthouse since about 1975 and showing a uniform in our quick five-minute film would honor that relationship. Since we will be shooting exteriors and into the tower from the jib, this would be an extreme cameo with no speaking parts and maybe an on screen visibility of ten seconds or so while the narrator says something like "....the city of Pacific Grove and the Coast Guard have jointly operated the lighthouse since 1975, with the city taking care of the building and the Coast Guard maintaining the lens and light..." with a cut to shot of CG personnel doing something with lantern room.... The creative process isn't the best one for planning ahead; often you know approximately what you want to do, but then a better idea supercedes it and you try to make it work. I think this fits into the better idea category. So think about it and let me know. My estimate is that you would need to be there for about 15 minutes if you came between between 11:30 and 12:30. I can be reached at this email or you can call me at 646-0987 if you want to discuss the concept further. I have an answering machine, so if I am out, I can get back to you.

Best regards, Jerry