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George and Sharon Gmelch
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Dear George and Sharon,

Hello from Fairbanks!

I have been going through the tapes of your work this summer and I'm a little confused about the status of some of the tapes so I thought I'd write and see if I could clear a few things up.

First of all, George, I have a box of twelve tapes, including one tape of Noatak field notes, that appear to be copies. To make these part of our collection, I need signed release forms from Arlene Moo, Dwight Arnold, Craig Eldred, Roland Booth, and you. I will enclose some release forms, but if you'd rather just send us the addresses of these people (except for yours, of course!) we can send them out from here. Whatever is easier for you.

Also, George, I have a major mystery box. This is unlabeled, "originals — field notes and interviews, Noatak and Sisialik." These are a set of twenty-five numbered tapes which include interviews with Arlene Moo, Dwight Arnold, Craig Eldred, and Roland Booth as well as quite a few field note tapes. Some of the interviews and one field notes tape look as if they might be the originals from which our copies were made. If these ought to be with you and not us we can express mail them to you. Please let me know.

Sharon, I have a box of eighteen tapes all but one of which are copies. One tape, an interview with Victoria Onalik of Noatak, looks like an original and there is a copy of this tape in the box. Shall we send the original to you? We still need signed release forms from Joe Ashby, Bob Sam, Isabel and Jim Brady, Joseph Howard, Ellen Hope Hayes, Robert (?No other name), and Natasha Calvin. As I noted for George's people, we can send these out if you let us know the addresses or you can send off the enclosed forms.

I know you both are busy and all these forms and things are a hassle. Thanks for your time with this. Thanks also for the tapes. They will be a valuable addition to the collection here.

Take care and have a great semester back home. We miss you here.

Sincerely,

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Peggy Asbury
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