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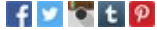
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I recommend that Brooke and Terri, not (b) (6), handle the communications with the Obama Foundation and (b) (6) handle the paperwork for the eventual loan.

If this approach is workable, can you prepare the summary for senior leadership and loop Terri and Brooke in?

Susan

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 9:01 AM John Laster <[john.laster@nara.gov](mailto:john.laster@nara.gov)> wrote:

Susan:

I don't think (b) (5)

This is an issue about a Presidential record outside of NARA's control. I think (b) (5) I also think (b) (5)

John

On Wed, Jan 12, 2022 at 5:59 AM Susan Donius <[susan.donius@nara.gov](mailto:susan.donius@nara.gov)> wrote:

John,

I agree with your approach. My sense is that (b) (5)

Can you prepare

a summary email with our proposed plan of action?

Susan

On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 8:22 PM John Laster <[john.laster@nara.gov](mailto:john.laster@nara.gov)> wrote:

Susan:

See the chain below. Now that we know that Obama has an original record in his office, a decision needs to be made as to how to address this. Is it correct to say that NARA no longer loans out original material to the formers (unless it is in a space that meets all of our loan specifications)? If that is the case, are you in agreement that we need to get this into the library and that the Foundation can follow the appropriate loan protocols as with any of the other material if they want to display it in the future?

How do you want to address this and who do you want to address this?

John

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **GaryM Stern** <[garym.stern@nara.gov](mailto:garym.stern@nara.gov)>

Date: Wed, Dec 22, 2021 at 11:45 AM

Subject: Re: FYI - Obama letter for exhibit

To: (b) (6) <[\(b\)\(6\)@nara.gov](mailto:(b)(6)@nara.gov)>

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**From:** (b) (6) @nara.gov> (b) (6) @nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 07/27/2022 10:49:56 AM  
**To:** (b) (6) @nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Pick up from Obama Office in DC

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Greetings,

Hope all is well. I just picked up the Obama letter. Unfortunately, they gave it to me in a frame along with an Obama pen inside. I can keep it together or take the frame off. Let me know. I will also try to send it in the morning depending on the UPS pick up time.

Best,

(b) (6)

On Fri, Jul 15, 2022 at 12:41 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

Sounds good. I will reach out to her and keep you posted.

Best,

(b) (6)

On Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 4:25 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

Also -- the letter is in some type of frame. We have told Anita this, but to iterate -- we don't need the frame or anything else; only the letter.

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On Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 2:45 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

Hi (b) (6) !

You can contact Anita Breckenridge and Emily Blakemore at President Obama's DC office to arrange the pick-up:  
Anita Decker Breckenridge - (b) (6)  
Emily Blakemore - (b) (6)

The office address is: (b) (6)

Once the document (it's a letter) is back in LW's custody, you and I can coordinate on when to ship it to Hoffman Estates.

Thank you so much!

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On Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 2:39 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

Greetings (b) (6),

I would be happy to pick up the letter. Please let me know a range of days/times that is good for you and where it is located.

Best,

(b) (6)

On Thu, Jul 14, 2022 at 3:33 PM (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi John and (b) (6) --

Brooke and I spoke with Anita Breckinridge (President Obama's Rep) at the end of June, and, per Anita, they are ready and willing to return a specific document to NARA -- but have not gotten a response from us (NARA) about picking it up

Could the Courtesy Storage team please arrange a pick-up of this letter, and ship it to us? Once it is received in Hoffman Estates, I will follow-up on any further coordination with Anita.

Please let me know what else the Library can do to help with this,

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**From:** (b) (6) @nara.gov> (b) (6) @nara.gov>  
**Sent time:** 08/02/2022 05:41:31 PM  
**To:** (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>  
**Cc:** (b) (6) @nara.gov>; Sarah Stauderman <sarah.stauderman@nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>; (b) (6) @nara.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Preservation/Conservation Question for LP-BHO...  
**Attachments:** 1.jpg 2.jpg 3.jpg 4.jpg 5.jpg 6.jpg 7.jpg

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Hi All,

I received the framed letter and Sarah's prediction is right- The original letter has overall adhered to the backing board (foam core board) and it will be difficult to remove, or at least take a long time to do it. I agree with Sarah that we leave the original letter on the backing board and reframe the facsimile using a new backing board.

(b) (6) mentioned that the original letter will need to be shipped to the Obama Library while the facsimile in a frame with the pen stays in the DC office. I was able to remove the Pen from the original mount, so that part is all done.

My suggestion is that (b) (6) or whoever is in charge at A1 make a schedule with (b) (6) for scanning the original document and hire a contract mount maker to make a new mount for a facsimile and pen to be framed together in the existing frame if that's what the office prefers. NARA exhibit program frequently works with a couple of good mount makers if you need any recommendations.

I'm attaching some photos for your info. Please let me know if you have any questions. I will also show the letter to Morgan tomorrow and discuss the situation and possibilities.

Thanks,

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On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 3:40 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

Greetings (b) (6),

I gave the framed letter and pen to (b) (6). She will be able to make a copy and restore the original letter. I can give the copy to the Obama office in DC when she is finished. Is there a timeframe that you will need the original letter by?

Best,

(b) (6)

On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 3:12 PM (b) (6) @nara.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

(b) (6) is going to bring the framed letter over to the lab later. She confirmed that the object is not SPH.

Thanks,

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On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 1:21 PM (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi (b) (6)

(b) (6), but I know that (b) (6) will be in the lab today. I hope the delivery worked out today.  
Thanks,

(b) (6)

On Tue, Aug 2, 2022 at 7:48 AM (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov> wrote:

Greetings,

I can bring it around 8:30-9:00 am, 10:45-11 am, or 3 pm today.

Best,

(b) (6)

On Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 3:58 PM (b) (6) <(b) (6)@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi Sarah,

Both Morgan and I will be at A1 tomorrow and will be able to look at this letter. (b) (6) could you bring the piece to our lab B1 tomorrow?

What time is good for you?

With best,

(b) (6)

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On Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 2:50 PM Sarah Stauderman <sarah.stauderman@nara.gov> wrote:

Hi (b) (6) and (b) (6):

(b) (6) has a letter written to President Obama (see below for details) that is attached to a backing board.

Could one of you make arrangements with (b) (6) to look at this letter and determine if it is possible to remove the letter from the board? (b) (6) is in A1 today and available tomorrow as well. A brief review of the letter and some

recommendations are all that is needed. My thought was to leave the letter on the backing board (maybe cut the backing board down), and reframe using a new backing board and the facsimile they want to produce. But, if one of you could look at it I would be appreciative. (b) (6) can be reached easiest at (b) (6) (her cell phone).

I didn't get a timeframe for the need for information, but I presume within the next couple of weeks.

Do keep me posted.

Thanks, Sarah

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----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Brooke Clement** <[brooke.clement@nara.gov](mailto:brooke.clement@nara.gov)>

Date: Mon, Aug 1, 2022 at 12:32 PM

Subject: Preservation/Conservation Question for LP-BHO...

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Hi all,

I hate to throw another item on your plate, but we have something of a pickle with one of the objects that is being requested for loan. This item, up until now, has been in President Obama's personal office. It's the original letter written by Natoma Canfield, as written about on this [blog](#). The letter was framed (along with a signing pen) while in office, and the Obama Office is working to get the original letter to the Library for its records. LW picked up the overall framed piece, but the letter is glued to the backing of the frame and we do not know how to proceed with removing it. We want to get the letter, replace it in the frame (with the signing pen) with a high resolution copy, and return the frame to the Obama Office.

Would it be possible for someone from the conservation office to take a look at this object and determine how best to proceed? I'm cc'ing (b) (6) on this email, as she has personally handled picking up this item from the Obama Office on behalf of the Library.

Thanks in advance,  
Brooke

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