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TO: Advisory Board:

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I have attached a copy of a letter I received from Gordon Bleuler regarding a repository for the files and library of the Confederate Stamp Alliance which is self-explanatory.

I am simply apprising you of the fact that some thought should be given to this matter. When the questionnaire is received we will probably want to discuss the matter in depth as a group.

Ralph E. Smith

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Attachment
Mr. Ralph Smith  
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Dear Ralph,...

You may recall the Confederate Stamp Alliance has under consideration the designation of a location for their historical files and library. As an officer in the Alliance I have been in contact with Harvey Sheppard, President of the CSA, to request that consideration be given to the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library as the designated location.

This matter was brought up at the recent annual convention and show held in Columbia, S.C. on September 26, 1981.

I have just received a note from Jerry Palazolo, Secretary of the CSA, which indicates the Trustees have narrowed the choice to the Wineburgh Library and the Confederate Museum. Jerry has been directed to prepare a questionnaire for the two institutions, which will possibly provide the basis for the final decision. I understand the key questions will be the cost to the CSA, and the availability of information on a retrieval basis by mail.

It appears to me that when this questionnaire is received there are several important points to be considered by the University of Texas, the Philatelic Research Library and the Trustees. I will not go into these points as I believe they should be discussed and considered at the time the questionnaire is received.

In my opinion this may be an opportunity for the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library and the University of Texas at Dallas to gain considerable prestige with one of the most respected philatelic groups in the U.S.A. It presently has 700 active members.

As a new group of officers are now in political control of the CSA my own role will not be as prominent in the final decision. I am no longer the Trans-Mississippi Vice President. Richard H. Byrne, San...
Antonio, Texas, is the new Trans-Miss. Vice President. I believe he will support our interests...He visited the library early this year and was pleased with the assistance he received.

At least I have tried to keep the interests of the Wineburgh Philatelic Library before the Officers and Trustees of the CSA. Perhaps they will decide in our favor if we show them we truly desire to work with them.

Very truly yours,

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