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Re: Classic Text Books and Documents Donation
MSU Civil and Environmental Engineering Archives

Dear Dennis:

This letter is written as a follow-up to our recent correspondence regarding the donation of various classic text books and documents to the MSU by my sister Mary Margaret and me. As you know, our father Howard Williford taught civil engineering at MSU for 29 years, and our mother Margaret Williford taught math at MSU for 25 years. My sister and I are also MSU graduates, and I finished in Civil Engineering.

During their tenures at MSU, our parents accumulated a significant library of text books and other documents that are indicative of the student experience at MSU in Civil Engineering over the years. While at MSU, I also collected a number of text books that would now be considered classics by many.

On that basis, please accept this letter as confirmation that my sister Mary Margaret and I wish to donate the classic text books and documents collected by our parents and accumulated by me, to the MSU Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, in honor of our parents. It is our desire that these books and documents be placed in the CEE Department library and/or archives, for use and reference by existing students and for review and enjoyment by those graduates who have gone before, and that they be placed in the library and/or archives at new CEE Complex once it is completed.

Therefore, we are this day delivering ten boxes of classic text books and documents to you. We request that this donation be acknowledged by the CEE Department as a memorial to both our parents and in honor of their service to MSU, and that the CEE Department provide us a complete listing of the books donated today for our records to document to this action.

Thank you for your interest in building a library of archives commemorating the experience of MSU students in Civil Engineering over the years. If you have any questions, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
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