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To: Librarian of Congress,

My name is Roger Bell. I am Executive Director of Library Services for Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation. Our television library has approximately 54,329 titles that amount to approximately 78,381 combined video tape cassettes and film reels. These materials are geographically separated to assure that all of the elements on a given subject are not at the same location. Our original negatives are stored at an outside facility with an environment of 34° and 20% RH. The protection color positive masters and video masters are stored at our Hollywood facility with an environment of 65° and 50% RH.

As part of our preservation program, we are converting (736) 2" masters to DCT format. This assures that these titles will be available for future use. We are in the process of building a new vault structure on the Fox lot. The facility will be approximately 40,000 square feet and equipped with high density racking; fire suppression; climate control, for temperature and humidity; and an air filtering system, to remove contaminants. This new structure will provide archive storage capabilities. It is our intention to ensure that our television library is protected and preserved for future generations to enjoy.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Roger Bell Executive Director Library Services