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Department of History

Dean J. W. Kloucek  
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Dear Dean Kloucek:

Labor History published by the Tamiment Institute, 7 East Fifteenth Street, New York, New York started its work and publications in 1960. Its editorial board consists of scholars in labor history. An article "Local Union Archives in Michigan" Fall, 1962 issue discusses efforts to accumulate local labor organizations back files for scholarly purposes.

Professor Moody and myself have discussed this at length and wish to take action along this line in the Toledo area. Before we can approach any local union and request their back files, diaries, manuscripts, correspondence, minutes and transcripts of meetings, and publications we must have the physical facility to handle this material.

We should like your permission to contact Mr. Ned Skeldon to set up meetings with the key figures in local labor so as to facilitate the acquisition of these materials. Of course this necessitates some commitment on the part of the university to provide the necessary space. We would require a room (in the apartment buildings?) which could be under departmental supervision and which could be locked for proper security. In addition to discussing the acquisition of back labor union files for research purposes in labor history, we should also like permission to request some financial assistance from the local union structure to further develop a labor history center on this campus.

The establishment of such a center would not only be of great benefit to the faculty for research purposes, but would prove an invaluable asset for graduate students to do research studies and to write theses from the materials.

We should be glad to discuss this with you at your convenience.

Cordially,

Noel L. Leathers