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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

To: Officials of Northwestern Ohio Business Concerns

In formal session on May 14, 1965, the Board of Directors of the University of Toledo approved the establishment of an Archives Center on the University of Toledo campus. It will be the purpose of this Archives Center to collect and preserve important records and documents of Northwestern Ohio business concerns and organizations for historical purposes.

Governor Rhodes has recently made several public statements encouraging the accumulation of business records as one means of stimulating interest and knowledge for the growth of industry in our state. The development of an Archives Center on the campus of the University of Toledo will constitute a major step in accentuating the unique character of the University. Today, more than ever, the business community is in need of the objectivity, truth and clarification which objective scholarship can bring to an understanding of its role in the life of the nation. We feel that the research activities of this nature will contribute to an improved public knowledge of the role played by industry and business enterprises in our society. It is the feeling of the Department of History at the University of Toledo that the story of local business history has been sadly neglected in the past. For this reason, we are asking you to complete the enclosed questionnaire as soon as possible and return the forms in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

The University of Toledo Archives will be rigidly controlled by responsible professors at all times. Only authorized scholars will be permitted to utilize any records or papers. In addition, any records which are placed in our Archives may have stipulations concerning their utilization placed upon them by the donor. We feel that this affords the University and business interests in Northwestern Ohio a rare opportunity to contribute to the complete story of the role played by business in the development of our national economy and life. We ask your serious consideration of this request and the undersigned would be more than happy to furnish you with any further information should you so desire.

Cordially,

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