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President Clark and I met with Dr. Martin Halbert, Dean of the UNT Libraries, Morgan Davis, Head of Archives and Rare Books, Jennifer Sheehan, Curator of Rare Books and Sue Parks, Asst Dean for Special Libraries in August to discuss the TXSSAR Archives (hereinafter "Archives"). It should be stressed here that UNT very much wants this Archives Collection. During that conversation two primary points were discussed:

One, the UNT Libraries can only assist with the digitization of the Archives if the UNT Libraires owns the Archives. This is a change and would involve TXSSAR needing to ask the Friends of the UNT Libraries to return the Archives back to TXSSAR and then TXSSAR gifting the Archives to UNT Libraries. I have forwarded copies of the existing Friends/TXSSAR Gift Agreement and the UNT Libraries Gift Agreement to Chancellor Voegtle and President Clark for their review and approval of a suitable agreement with the UNT Libraries.

Two, assuming a suitable agreement has been reached UNT can move forward with processing the Archives, organizing them, creating suitable finding aids and then digitizing them. Timing is such they could begin within the next year if funds are available to do so, and TXSSAR would need to provide the funds. Attached please find a copy of a memorandum from the Head of Archives and Rare Books at UNT containing the costs of various projects related to the Archives. The first option appears to be all inclusive and essentially results in 1/2 FTE at UNT. The other options are pieces of the digitization project.

All of the above to say I wanted recent Historians who have fought for, handled, donated to, cared about and begged donations for the Archives to be aware of where we are. At the BOM I will be raising the subject of funds needed for UNT. I'm open to any and all possibilities as long as we can move forward soon. The funds in the current budget should be used, more funds requested, donations from the chapters should be solicited as well as private donations and grants applied for.

Thank you for all of your collective hard work.
We have been waiting for this moment and it's time to push forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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