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TO: GOLF COLLECTORS' SOCIETY MEMBERS

Let me congratulate you on a fascinating hobby which is also serving a very important role in the game of golf, that is, the preservation of the game's artifacts for future generations to appreciate. So many of these would be lost if it were not for people like yourself. I know that you are proud of your collection and the items you've acquired.

I'd like to make you aware of the PGA's plan for presenting many of golf's interesting and valuable items to the public. We are just finishing the final touches of the preliminaries to open a \$465,000,000 complex in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. It will be a residential and resort community. It is an ecological wonder and a golfer's dream. The PGA National Headquarters will be housed there and as a part of that complex, we will feature a PGA Hall of Fame, Museum and Library. Because of its location (just off the Florida Sunshine State Parkway and five minutes from Interstate I-95) it will attract thousands of people to view not only the Museum but the championship PGA events that will be held there.

We had hoped that in the eventual disposition of your collection, you'd consider contacting the PGA. One of your members, Gary Wiren, who has a fine collection of his own and a sense of history, is directly working with the project and others in your group have loaned assistance.

If you have any suggestions as to what you believe the PGA Library and Museum should represent, and how it should be housed and displayed, we'd be happy to hear from you. And if you have any items to offer, please let us know.

Sincerely

Donald E. Padgett, President  
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Dear Fellow Golf Collector,

I've finally gotten the steel wool out of my hands, the linseed oil stains from my fingers and the crick in my back straightened from bending over a buffing machine, to take time to write you a letter to see if you have any interest in making a contribution to golf's history.

As you may be aware from previous correspondence, or from just reading about it elsewhere, the PGA Hall of Fame, Museum and Library will soon be constructed in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. It will be a part of the PGA Resort Complex. It contains 72 holes of golf, a 400 room hotel, the PGA International Headquarters, Hall of Fame, Museum and Library, as well as residential units, a marvelous lake and other recreational facilities.

Some of you that have visited the locations of other golf exhibits both small and large around the country, may have come away saying, "If I had a chance I certainly would do it differently." Here's a chance to have personal input in the PGA's facility which will be there to depict the game's history, display its memorabilia, pay tribute to its greats and provide research literature for those golf aficionados who love to read about and study the game.

If you have ever had thoughts on how you'd like to set up a golf museum if you only had the opportunity, now's your chance to see it come to fruition. Anything that you feel may be of interest, such as the categories of displays (i.e., art, statuary, silver, architecture, agronomy, jewelry, games, paper items, balls, clubs, etc.), how they should be displayed, what specifically should be featured, what the museum should say, how it should be designed, etc. We would like to hear it---even if it's a one line comment. Credit will certainly be given to the originators of all ideas that are used.

In addition, you may wish to keep us in mind for any items that you feel belong in a National Museum such as ours, which will recognize donors and which will have thousands of visitors per year.

Sincerely,

Gary Wiren, Director  
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