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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. A. B. Cleveland  
District Manager  
District Office  
U.S. Postal System  
Post Office Box 22605  
Tampa, Florida 33622

Dear Mr. Cleveland:

We received the post office lockbox doors and wish to thank you for your generosity. We were most pleased with them.

I would like to take you up on your kind offer of further assistance. Perhaps you might be able to help us with the following:

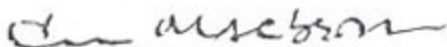
- In the U.S. Post Office in Sneads, Florida, I saw an early type wooden post office box front with rows of glass windows set on each side of the postmaster's public access window. These glass post office box doors did not open to the public but merely let the renter see if he had mail and if so, he would ask the postmaster to hand him the mail. (This is most difficult to explain by written description so I have enclosed a rough drawing to illustrate). Would it be possible to obtain a complete post office box front complete with teller's window and post office box wall units such as described above from a discontinued post office?
- As city postmarks are now obsolete, what becomes of the rubber (?) postmark stamps? Saving a representative sample of these Florida postmark stamps seems most worthwhile. I had envisioned perhaps doing a blow-up of a picture of a Florida city postmark for use as background in an exhibit. Would any of these postmark stamps be available?

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- Stamps representative of, or relating to Florida would be most appropriate. Do you have access to any such stamps dating from the earliest to the most recent?
- Enclosed is an article on "Florida's Barefoot Mailmen". Any information you might have on these early Florida mail carriers would be welcomed. This is certainly a most fascinating story which we would like to include in the communication exhibit providing we can obtain sufficient historically correct data.

I am sure the above requests represent quite a bit of time and trouble. However, I would be most grateful for any assistance you could give us. If it would be more convenient for you to telephone about these matters, please feel free to call collect (904-488-1484). I look forward to hearing from you.

As always I remain,



Jim Macbeth, Chief  
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