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Dear Mr. Wildy:

What an exciting surprise awaited my opening your thoughtful and informative letter. To me, the enclosures about Malinda and your splendid account of its period of existence were fascinating, including the way stagecoaches carried the mail between Alliance, Malinda and Gering.

Your letter is so excellent that I am, under separate cover, forwarding a copy of it to Marvin Kivett, director of the State Historical Society. In this enclosure, I am including the clipping on the Petite Hotel and the fine history of the First United Methodist Church at Scottsbluff. I am also sending a copy of the letter to Marc Anthony for his library or newspaper feature use. I hope some day to write a postal history of Nebraska and utilize the history of Malinda in the enclosures you sent as describing the typical branch station postal community that sprang up with the opening of land development through most of Nebraska.

The stamps you enclosed are of value, and should be compensated. I am enclosing a check with no payee, so that you can elect to make yourself the payee or the First Methodist Church at Scottsbluff, or any other choice you might have in appreciation for this material. I hope to be in Scottsbluff June 23 and 24 and would like to see if we couldn't get together so I can hear more about early times in the Panhandle. You can reach me through the SCOTTS BLUFF STAR-HERALD, telephone 632-6116.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe R. Seacrest

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