

October 1, 2012

Orville,

I received a call this morning that your oriental rug is ready for delivery. Here is all the information I have about it for you to make a decision as to its disposition.

1. This is my recollection about where the rug should be delivered. You had said that you wanted it to go to the President's office. In speaking with Laura she felt it more appropriately should be in the Dean's office until a Director for The Simpson Center for Urban Futures was on board and then the rug would go to that office. You will want to confirm this with her. Incidentally, you may not have heard but President Williams, whom you met, has resigned.
2. The total cost of cleaning and repairing the rug is \$777.00. As you know ERH has paid \$400 toward the repair and I have their check, leaving a balance of \$377. You had mentioned that perhaps UC should pay the balance. You will have to check with Laura about that. However, if that is your decision that would mean you were donating a damaged rug, and I doubt the tax deduction would amount to much. For tax purposes it would be better if you donated the rug after paying the balance of the repair bill.
3. This morning I called two appraisers regarding getting an appraisal of the rug for tax purposes. The first had a minimum charge of \$270. The second, located in Hyde Park said since the rug was being donated to the University there would be no charge for the appraisal. The appraiser said the rug would have to be laid before he could appraise it.
4. I have all of the information necessary to accomplish the donation, if that is your decision, and I would be happy to do so. However, if you wish to handle it yourself let me know and I will get the info to you.

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