June 20, 1974

Dear Mr. Crawford:

A complication has arisen, which I should have remembered but did not, in considering an appropriate time for us to go through Fisher Hall. Each summer the University holds an auction of its excess property. This property, consisting of old desks, chairs, etc., is stored in Fisher Hall and an auction held in Fisher in the late summer. It has been requested that we delay our exploration of the building until after the auction has been held, which will be August 16, 1974. It would certainly be better for our purposes if the building were quiet during our visit, and better too for it to be as little cluttered as possible. Therefore, it will be necessary for us to reschedule for the week of August 19. Please let me know which day from August 19 through the 23 would be best for you, and I will attempt to coordinate that with the people here on campus who would be involved.

You asked matters about electricity in the building. There is electricity on all three floors including the ballroom area on the third floor. It will be necessary for me to take a couple of additional fuses with us as these are not as a rule in place. There are also hall plugs in most of the areas of the building, and while I do not remember specifically about the room to the right as you enter the front door, I am reasonably certain that there will be a plug in that area where you could leave a recorder.

In an earlier letter you made reference to the "older part of the building," referring to the north wing. That section of the building is not older. In fact, it seems to have been built after the front section of the building, though immediately afterwards as the entire building was constructed between 1852 and 1856. As far as we can tell, the builders were simply running short of funds, and hence the construction in the north wing is not as good as that in the main portion of the building, giving the appearance of perhaps greater age.