Letter from Ralph B. LeCocq to Nelson Nieuwenhuis, March 15, 1971

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Mr. Nelson Nieuwenhuis, Curator,
Ramaker Library,
Northwestern College,
Orange City, Iowa.

Dear Mr. Nieuwenhuis:

I have your letter of March 11th, with copy of proposed newspaper article enclosed, which I am not returning because I assume you have the original. This is entirely satisfactory to me; in fact very much so. It is modest in style and not too long. VERY GOOD!

Now as to the other matter. I do not understand your references to the materials sent. I believe you are writing about the two packages you received by parcel post. That would explain the matter. BUT you will receive FIVE boxes of materials shipped by freight—auto freight. This includes all framed pictures in my office, books containing articles of my father, deer heads of animals I hunted and shot, dad’s scrap-book and my own, framed pictures of great-grandfathers, and the book of Prof. Lucas, which you wrote me you tried to get and couldn’t. I am glad to send it to you; you can make more use of it than I can.

Now if I stop to think, these articles shipped by auto-freight could not have arrived yet. So when they come kindly advise me. Then my mind will be at rest.

Thank you for the list of Le Cocs found on the passenger list. That will clear up some details that our family has never been clear about. You will find in Lucas’s book something about the Brinks family. I marked up the book and turned corners of pages for quick reference to it later; otherwise I usually do not do this with a good book. I think it would be very proper to add something about the Brinks family. Lucas will help you; I never knew much about the family.

Yes, I mailed the photos of myself; use any one you wish. As to the regular and latest photo, if you use that one then return this after the paper has used it. My wife gave this and would like it returned; but if this cannot be done, that’s O.K. too. The article you wrote is FINE. It will avoid sure criticisms which would otherwise come to me.

Hoping to hear soon that the freight arrived in good shape;

I am,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

P.S. The Lucas book is for you personally of you wish.