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February 13, 1974.

Mr. Nelson Nieuwenhuis, Curator,
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Orange City, Iowa/

Dear Friend:

It was so nice of you to send me the newspaper clipping of my parents' wedding. I am going to include it in my little booklet of memoirs, which to date has not been finished, due to the work I was asked to do in connection with the park dispute. All is getting quite difficult for me, but I hope to finish it soon.

We have had two months now of almost daily rain. As long as I have lived here I never saw this bad. When sunny days return with springtime I will feel more like working on it. I am almost 87 now and cannot wait too long. My call can come any time. One cannot help be curious as to the hereafter. How will it all be? Will we recognize one another? What will the new world be like? No one knows; we must see by faith alone. Reason will not help us for our minds are not attuned to the infinite, but only to the finite.

I am still hoping that I may visit my old home in Douglas County and then make a short visit to Orange City. The doctor says it is largely a matter of climate and altitude; if it is not too hot and not too high I'll be all right. So there is this to worry about.

I trust you will peace and satisfaction in your retirement. As I understand it you will still have something to do with the museum. That is nice; one must have something besides sleep well and eat well. And what a mess the world is in. Energy crises, war pressures, inflation, all kinds of problems. And we can't forget "Watergate". Nixon is being tried by the press and the public. Why not wait until they have some proof. To me it smells too strong of "politics". I will stand by our president until he is proven guilty by a court of law. That is what the forefathers would say, I am sure.

Well, my good friend, thank you once more for the clipping. What a long time ago it is and how short it seems!

Sincerely,

