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MEMO FROM: JOHN THOMAS SLATER

DATE: February 6, 2010

TO: Marshall D. Brainard

SUBJECT: Brainard History

Dear Marshall,

First of all, I want to thank you again for sending the copy of your book on the Brainard family. You have done an extraordinary job of telling the story of your ancestors and, as I told you in our last telephone conversation, the portion of the book relating to the business ventures of your grandfather, Uncle Frank, and your father is of tremendous value to those of us who have been researching the history of the grape industry.

I must apologize for the tardiness of my follow-up, but I wanted to have the opportunity to discuss your book and the illustrations with a couple of my colleagues before requesting any additional material from you for our growing Grape Belt Archive. This communication took a bit longer than I had expected due to some scheduling difficulties. However, I have come up with a list of items that you have used in the book that we think would make excellent additions to the digital archive. The list of these items is attached.

Since there were several hi-quality copies you had previously sent me, those are not included. The items listed are primarily photos that you used as illustrations and would be of great value to us who are working to preserve the legacy of the various companies and businesses that operated as part of the grape industry during the late 19th and early 20th centuries; as well as the individuals who made those companies successful.

We sincerely appreciate your support for our ongoing research project and hope you will consider providing hi-resolution copies of the items listed herewith. In the meantime, I hope the New Year has brought you good health and I will look forward to talking to you again soon.

Cordially,