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Mr. Merlyn Veren
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Dear Mr. Veren:

Thank you so much for your letter proposing that a symposium be held at the EROS Data Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as a memorial to my late husband, William T. Pecora.

As you suggest, a memorial of this sort would be altogether fitting to honor his memory, for it would bring together men of science, academia, and industry to plan for the utilization of the satellite data now being received and distributed to all corners of the globe. I am sure that these men and women would also find more and better uses for these data as they exchange ideas and proposals.

As for the "exchange of ideas," this was one of Bill's greatest pleasures (and he felt an absolute necessity), be it in the hallowed halls of Princeton, over a beer in a café at Boxelder, Montana, during a long lunch at the Cosmos Club, or in the Offices of the Secretary of the Interior, in order that ideas could be built one on the other to the ultimate benefit of all, creators and benefactors.

Designating the symposium as a memorial to Bill would be icing on the cake, but, whether dedicated to him or not, the cake is what is important -- and he would have been the first to say so. To him, the work is what counts and the fact that his work is continuing in the hands of men he felt could carry on, whether he was here or not, that is what is important. He also in his later years stressed more and more his faith in the generation he saw maturing and those that would be following. He began to talk about the crises we were facing, and he saw them before most of us were aware of them, and yet he was the eternal optimist. He said over and over again that "as long as man uses his greatest gift, his mind, he can work out his problems, be they in the earth resources field or whatever."

Thank you and the people of South Dakota for suggesting such a memorial to Bill. I shall be pleased to inform his sisters, nieces and nephews, as well as our son and daughter, of the honor you propose to bestow on him.

Sincerely,

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Ethelwyn C. Pecora
 (Mrs. William T. Pecora)

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Mrs. William Pecora
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Dear Mrs. Pecora:

We who are South Dakotans feel, in a special way, the loss of Dr. Pecora. We would like to find an appropriate way to establish a memorial for Dr. Pecora within our state. Because of Dr. Pecora's nature we feel that the memorial should be of scientific character and of a living nature. I would like to suggest, for your consideration, that we establish a scientific symposium in his name to be held in South Dakota.

We suggest a symposium because it is a way to carry forward the life work of Dr. Pecora. In the past two years the EROS program, which owes so much to his vision, has begun to bear fruit. The satellite data is now being put to use to aid humanity. The scientists now working with the satellite data need to gather at this time to exchange results and techniques, and to show their achievements. A symposium would accelerate the use of EROS data and would be a fitting tribute to Dr. Pecora.

Years ago Dr. Pecora was able to imagine a new way of looking at the world. The new pictures that resulted are now available at the EROS Data Center in Sioux Falls. With your concurrence we will seek the appropriate associations with the technical societies that will enable us to develop this memorial in the proper fashion.

Sincerely,

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