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March 27. 1960

Dear Mr. Snow

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until further notice this was in Sept of 1949 In about a week the new equipment was ready to perform but to me it will never be the same as the old revolving lens. Sometime later the officials of the Boston Museum of Science become interested in the old lens and I was assigned to go with them too Minots Light and look it over. We did and they decided to accept it and would let us know later about delivery. Well, a very unfortunate thing happened as some vandals landed on the Light and destroyed and damaged much property including whole section of the lens. At that time there was no one on the light to stop them in their destruction and investigation was made but no one was apprehended. Well a

little later the Museum people come to get the lens after the damage. It was taken to their buildings I was again assigned to help them in restoring and setting it up. But it became evident that it would be too costly to replace the missing section with plastics so they gave up the idea of using the Mirrors Lens so they shipped it back to the Boston Bar and orders were issued to break up all the remaining glass and salvage the metal for jewel. By this time most of the remaining prisms were so cracked and chipped that they were of very little value. However I saved a few of the better ones and one of which

I had been going for years and now you have it. I also took a piece of it to Mrs Rooney but I assumed he had passed on so I left it with Mrs Rooney.

I have spent about 33 years in Lighthouses and Lighthouse work and still have a great interest in them. I have many of your books and read every thing you write and I want to thank you personally for the credit you have given to all Lighthouse Keepers and in keeping the old Lighthouse traditions alive.

Yours Truly

Allen Gregg Nadeau

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