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In reply refer to:

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Mr. Herb Farmer, Executive Secretary,
DELTA KAPPA ALPHA, NATIONAL
c/o Department of Cinema
University of Southern California,
Los Angeles 7, California.

Dear Herb:

Things are a little slow around the office on this day after Thanksgiving -- and my secretary has the day off -- so let's see if I still know how to pound the typewriter.

I am enclosing my check for three dollars. That is probably the most eloquent way this Scotsman can express his approval of the DKANAT revitalization program that is now under way. I think it is an excellent idea and it is my fond hope that all hands have the time and energy to carry it through.

There is painfully little professional news on which I can report except for the fact that I am now Head of the Contract Film Division at the Naval Photographic Center. That advancement, which came almost a year ago, brought many new responsibilities and opportunities for hard work. It has been a challenge which I have thoroughly enjoyed.

The enclosed card gives my new home address. Actually, we moved about five years ago. Our new home is only about half a mile from the old one so I am amazed that the Takoma Park Post Office was unable to forward the Newsletter. It looks as though my fame burns with a very dim flame in my home community!

There are several names on the "Where Are They?" list that bring back nostalgic memories. It would appear that an excessive number of our Charter Members have drifted completely out of contact. Incidentally, Charles Van Dusen was killed when he bailed out of his disabled plane about a year ago. All indications were that he stayed with the plane a little too long and his parachute didn't have time to open. It was a sobering shock to learn of the accident as I am sure you will agree.

One suggestion ----. My directory of DKA members is now about 15 years out of date. As soon as the returns from the plea in the current DKA Newsletter are in, how about getting out a new directory of members, their home addresses, and professional affiliations? I for one could use such a directory to good advantage in my annual tour of studios.

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That just about does it for this time. Good luck with the new program and keep me posted. With a longing eye on your California climate and way of life, I am,

Fraternally yours,

Jack McClelland

Jack H. McClelland

7900 Wildwood Drive,
Takoma Park, Maryland

December 13, 1956

Mr. Jack H. McClelland
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Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Jack:

Just a brief note to thank you for your DKA National dues for 1957. We have had quite a good response and we are very encouraged by it. We plan to get out several Newsletters this coming year and to tighten up the contacts among all the chapters of the organization.

I was shocked about the news of Chuck Van Dusen. The last time I saw him was about 1943 in Pensacola, Florida when I flew with him in an SNJ.

Your suggestion about a new DKA directory is a very good one. It may be a little while before we'll have it, but is one of our plans for the future.

Again, thank you for your help and support. Holiday greetings to you and your family.

Cordially yours,

Herbert E. Farmer
Executive Secretary
DKA National

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