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Council of State Archivists
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Dear Presidents Corridan, DeLeon, and Dooley:

Thank you for your letter regarding the transfer of the Georgia Archives to the University System of Georgia (USG). I agree with two key comments you made; the Georgia Archives has an outstanding reputation and the proposed move to the USG represents an important opportunity for us.

As you may know, I have appointed a transition working group, which is being led by Tim Hynes, President of Clayton State University; the university is adjacent to the Georgia Archives property in Morrow. The transition group is charged with four objectives:

1. Identify the functions that need to be transferred for the operation to be successful;
2. Determine the range of resources needed for the transfer;
3. Determine how we can leverage the resources of the USG in the management, governance and leadership of the Archives;
4. Identify benchmarks from other states.

Addressing these objectives, we believe, will allow for a smooth transition of the Archives and its employees to the University System. Once the transfer is complete, we will begin thinking of the longer term issues that will provide the citizens of Georgia access to the wealth of resources housed in the Archives.

Again, thank you for your suggestions. We may call on you in the future.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Dr. Tim Hynes

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