May 28, 1970

Mr. Robert J. Miller, Executive Secretary
Dear Bob:

Report on visit to Western Maryland University
Pi Alpha Alpha local

Thank you for writing direct to Charles Moore, President of
Pi Alpha Alpha local at Westminster, Maryland. It was well that
you did. I received a call from Prof. Woody Prince and decided
a visit would be most helpful to all parties concerned and so I
did yesterday. Please pass this report on to the Survey Commission,
etc. as you deem appropriate.

I am sure the Survey Commission made a good decision. This is a
fine small school with a solid group of some 540 male students and
an equal number of women who are there for study. No disorders have
or will occur in the opinion of Dean Mowbray.

With Professor Prince, Prof. Donald Zauche, who has been Faculty
Advisor to the local for 6 years; Charles Moore, President of Pi
Alpha Alpha, I meet with Dean Mowbray. Moore was about to leave
campus for the summer and he wanted the Dean to express himself on
this: If Convention approves Western Maryland and the GC approves
them for Colony status how long would the Dean expect them to
remain in Colony status if we decided they had reached the stage
for a Charter. I suggested this might be as early as one semester.
The Dean was very reasonable and is agreeable to as early Chartering
as we approve assuming the reports which he expects to receive so
indicate progress such as we expect. Question: Will he receive a
copy of such reports as Headquarters requires? My answer was that
this could be arranged. We would insist on meeting every reasonable
requirement the University imposed on the local. Further I said
a Field Secretary would be on campus at the beginning of the fall
term and consult with the Dean on all pertinent matters.

The local has $2,500 - no debts. They cleared about $500 selling
sandwiches - novelty for a fraternity perhaps but I like the drive
and life this group shows.

The bad news is that Brother Prince will leave Western Maryland to
work on his Doctor's degree at U of W. Va. He has been untiring in
his efforts. I learned that he flew several members of the local to
Ball State to discuss the experience of the Chapter during Colony
status. I believe Prof. Zauche will want to become a member at the
time of Charter. He is an excellent advisor and one who is completely
knowledgeable on campus affairs. We can depend on him.

Some of the local group would like to attend an open session of the
Convention so I hope we can furnish advice for their guidance.
In view of the efforts of Brother Prince I hope he can attend some of the Convention and certainly the Banquet. He will be on campus until September 1.

The summer address of Charles Moore is:

2027 Cedar Bridge Road
Northfield, N. Y. 08225.

I made a commitment to keep him informed particularly about the Convention sessions since his interest is so real.

Several questions were asked that I couldn't answer except to say that would all be worked out at the beginning of the fall semester when the fraternity representative would explain in detail what our requirements would be. Hopefully the reports, etc we receive would satisfy the Dean.

The attitude of the University Administration is good. This local group has improved and maintained a position of excellence in grades, activities, deportment. The other three locals in the opinion of Dean Mowbray are not ready for colony status in any national fraternity.

The list of alumni in the area of Westminster carried only two names that anyone knew. However alumni of Pi Alpha Alpha in the area will provide some help and several are expected to become members, if a charter is granted.

The group will start off with 60 members in September. This June they lose 17 by graduation.

Carl A. Scheid
September 22, 1970

Mr. Charles Moore, President
Pi Alpha Alpha Fraternity
Box 662, Western Maryland College
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Dear Charlie:

It was a pleasure talking to you yesterday afternoon, and indeed a pleasure to inform you that Pi Alpha Alpha Fraternity was granted official colony status by the General Council of Phi Delta Theta. As I indicated, I am looking forward to working with you, the officers, and other members of the colony in the very near future. If you have any questions of any kind, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As I indicated on the phone, I will be visiting with your group on October 14, 15, and 16. I will arrive in Baltimore on October 14. I would appreciate it if you or someone in the colony could pick me up at the airport, as I will be arriving at 1:32 p.m. on United Airlines Flight #732.

During my visit with the colony, I would hope to meet with all the officers and as many interested local alumni as possible. Perhaps you can arrange a luncheon with the officers and some of the alumni in advance. I would also wish to speak to the university official who works directly with fraternities. Perhaps on the second evening of the visit, you could schedule a general meeting of all the members of the colony.

Again, congratulations to you and Pi Alpha Alpha. We would appreciate hearing from you now and then concerning your progress.

Sincerely,

William A. Ross
Assistant Executive Secretary

WAR: js
cc: Carl Scheid
April 13, 1971

Mr. Donald F. Schenk  
Pi Alpha Alpha Fraternity  
Box 662, Western Maryland College  
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Dear Mr. Schenk:

It will be my pleasure to participate in the installation ceremony and banquet for the Maryland Beta chapter of Phi Delta Theta on the weekend of April 23-24, 1971. I am looking forward to the weekend and the opportunity to meet the new brothers.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Miller  
Executive Secretary

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Banquet following installation at four o'clock at Westminster Elks Club

RSVP by April 15, 1971

The Pi Alpha Alpha Colony of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Western Maryland College requests the honor of your presence at their installation as a Chapter on April 24, 1971 at one o'clock in Baker Memorial Chapel

RSVP by April 15, 1971