



Hacienda de los Muchachos

A Boys' Ranch
Gladstone, New Mexico
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Dear friend & benefactor;

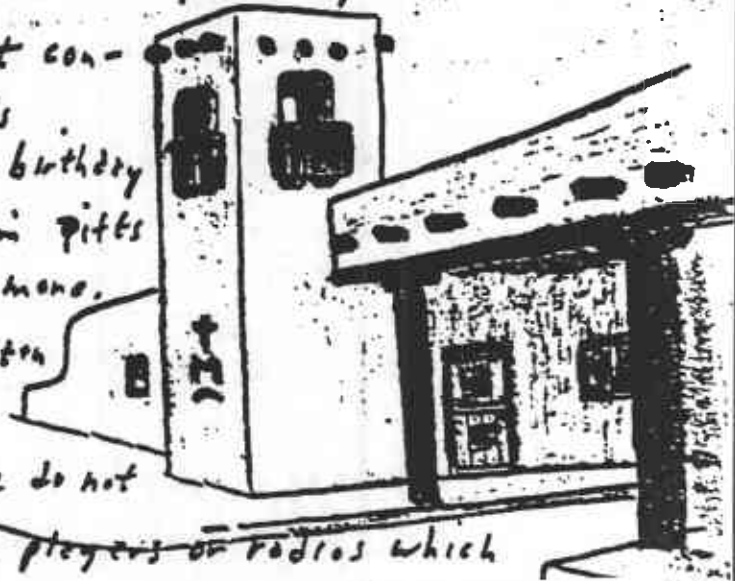
By your actions you have shown that you are a friend of the Hacienda. Because of that we would like to have your opinion.

Enclosed are our present "Guidelines" for boys who will have visitors or be receiving mail. We would like you to read them - then put them aside - then read them in a day or two. Then sit down & write us if you think they should be changed being specific please as to the section or part you think should be changed. Also any additions or subtractions that should be made. If you would like the reason behind any of the rules, please drop me a line and I will send you an explanation.

I would also like your opinion on the following:

Most of the boys parents do not contribute in any way to the child's support. Yet when the boy has a birthday or at Christmas time they send him gifts often worth \$50.00 or \$100.00 or more.

[This really gets my Irish up]. Often there are cameras which will require film & developing (which we do not supply nor pay for), countless record players or radios which



Soon are useless because the messages are more common. (by the chance of getting some pocket money here by taking on some various chores & jobs.) The boy often feels that this is a sign of the parents love even though he may never see or hear from them until his next birthday, or Christmas.

That's the situation — any suggestions — mine is to notify the parents and/or guardians of the boys that they are restricted to what they can send a boy; say if a parent contributes \$25.00 or less a month they would be restricted to a five dollar gift — if they contribute \$50.00 or down to \$26.00 a month they could send a \$10.00 gift... etc. Or do you think this is a frustration that I should continue to live with as I have these past six years.

NOTE: As a policy we do not allow home visits. If I have a business trip to make I often have boys with me. When we are staying in a boys "hometown" if he requests a visit is usually arranged. Most of the boys have not requested such visits even though some of them have been with me 3 or 4 days in a row in their hometowns. Some boys would rather go home with another boy who is going to visit even though it is also his "hometown".

Thank you for your time.

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God bless you.

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P.S.

The deadline for answers to this letter is 11-15-73.