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Hi Billy and Howard –

Thanks for your time today. I think we are off to a good start with figuring out how to move forward with the Niagara in ways that are good for both FNL and Erie Maritime Museum/PHMC. Obviously, our common goal is to uncover the Niagara and get it ready for inspection. Here's my understanding of where things are and the order of tasks. (Estimated timeframes in parentheses.) Please feel free to edit/augment this list.

Extension of contract – 6 months – FNL Board to vote on extension this week

Keystone contract – in PHMC's court, to be forwarded to FNL following extension

FNL organization of crew for uncovering Niagara and preparing to sail to shipyard (1 week)

FNL make arrangements with Cleveland shipyard for inspection and FNL completion of Keystone project #1 while ship is out of the water

Billy to verify estimates associated with Keystone project #1 (transom replacement)

FNL uncovers the Niagara (1-1/2 weeks)

FNL preps ship for trip to shipyard, allowing dockside interpretation (minimum 2 weeks)

FNL takes Niagara to Cleveland

Inspection of Niagara

FNL executes Keystone project #1 in Cleveland– replacement of transom

Niagara returns to Erie

Welcoming Niagara Home Event – PHMC/FNL

July 9th meeting - Billy will rough out a block schedule covering these tasks. We will meet with Jim and Charlie on July 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss schedule with rough timelines and details, including issues related to crew housing and museum access. We should talk about how the Keystone project will be invoiced – typically PHMC reimburses for work as it is done by line item, although supply delivery can be a line item. Projects 2 (stem work – must be done out of the water in shipyard), 3 and 4 (the replacement of the waterways broken in to two projects – port and starboard sides – can be done in Erie and interpreted from dockside) will be executed in subsequent years.

Based on the above general outline, Niagara will not sail with the public this season, but it will be ready for 2022. The Lettie G. will sail from Dobbins Landing this summer due to the restricted hours of museum operations. FNL will continue to tie up the Lettie G. overnight at Erie.

All of us agree that it is in the best interest of the community to make this work happen this season, that we want to be working together with minimal conflict, and that the Museum and the Niagara are complementary programs that reinforce each other's interpretation and value to the community. In order to facilitate better communication, minimize misunderstanding, foster greater trust, and develop better programming and interpretation to benefit Pennsylvania's taxpayers and the community of Erie, we will have weekly check-ins for the time being. We will schedule those at the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

If you have corrections or changes, please reply coping all.

Thanks again,

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