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Ms Phyllis Lambert
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Dear Phyllis:

The last time we had contact was back in 1977-78 over your piece in Archivaria about photographic documentation and buildings. Seems to have been a long time ago now. I trust you are well, and finding the CCA an interesting and challenging place to work.

I am writing specifically in regards to your letter to Charles Brandt inviting him to express an interest in the senior paper conservator position at the CCA. Charles, until recently, was the Chief Conservator, Artistic and Historic Works on Paper, for the Provincial Archives. He assumed the position almost three years ago. In that time, he has made a major contribution to conservation in Manitoba. He was directly responsible for the design and realization of an outstanding laboratory, the design and installation of an advanced vacuum-fumigation chamber, establishing the specifications for all the new storage vaults at the Archives, contributing to the creation of the Manitoba Heritage Conservation Service, providing workshops for the heritage communities, and so forth. He managed the laboratory in an efficient and productive manner, and undertook many treatments alongside his conservation staff. In addition, he prepared a disaster preparedness plan for the Archives, and participated in a number of successful salvage operations resulting from fire and water damage, and simple water damage. In short, the Archives moved from having no conservation capability to a leading institution in the field.

I do not hesitate to recommend Charles Brandt for your serious consideration. He has a strong commitment to conservation, and has lengthy experience in the field. I also recommend him for his managerial skills.

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If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me (204-945-3971). Good luck.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Bower', with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Peter Bower
Provincial Archivist

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