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Subject: RE: Mead Memorial Chapel Documents

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your message to me dated November 2, 2021. I will have answers for your other inquiries shortly, but since you wrote to President Patton today with your question about the documents, please allow me to respond as your point of contact with Middlebury.

After a diligent search of Middlebury records in our Archives and the gift records, there is no evidence of a gift agreement or fund agreement relating to Gov. Mead's gift of term funds to be expended to build the Chapel. There is simply no evidence of an intent that the gift was conditioned on the use of the name "Mead".

I understand that you read the language in the student newspaper article as meaning that there were documents and you would like to view them. However, Middlebury is not in possession of, or aware of, any agreements evidencing such a condition or intent between Gov. Mead and Middlebury College.

I will respond to your other inquiries as soon as I am able.

Thank you,

Hannah S. Ross

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