To: National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC)
Attn: Daniel Stokes
National Historical Publications and Records Commission
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 111
Washington, DC 20408-0001

Re: Interim Narrative Report

NHPRC Proposal No.: NAR06GRANT-021
Project: “California’s Geospatial Records: Archival, Appraisal, Accessioning,
And Preservation” (referred to as “eLegacy”)
Project Directors: Richard Marciano, Reagan Moore
Grant Period: April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008
⇒ Now extended to March 31, 2009
Reporting Period: October 1, 2007 -- September 30, 2008

Dear Daniel:

To recap, the history of this grant, while the initial project dates were April 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008, with the principal institution being the California Archives, a “change in fiscal and contractual authority” was granted in February 2007, transferring the project to the University of California. This allowed the project to start in earnest in March of last year, 2007. The project was also granted at the time a no-cost extension until March 31, 2009.

More recently, Richard Marciano and Reagan Moore, resigned from the University of California in August, 2008 and joined the School of Information and Library Science (SILS) at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-CH). UCSD closed out the project on August 31, 2008. We are now in a position to restart the project at UNC. UCSD relinquished all rights to the grant and provided closeout financial and cost-share reports to Daniel Stokes in November 2008. Per our last e-mail communication with Daniel Stokes, dated November 7, 2008, one combined narrative report for the period October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008 was still needed. This present report is meant to provided the necessary information.

All research parties involved, California CSA, California CERES, and UNC DICE group were very eager to continue work on this project and finalize the work. All administrative parties at UNC involved, the Dean of SILS, the Director of Sponsored Research, and the Vice Chancellor of Research, agreed to honor the initial terms of the grant and expressed their support. Consequently, an official proposal was submitted at UNC on January 8, 2008, and will be submitted to NHPRC shortly. The move of the DICE group to UNC delayed work on the project by roughly 6 months, consequently, we will also be asking for a final no-cost extension until September 30, 2009.

Activities we reported on in the previous interim report that overlap with this current reporting window were:
• Chris Garmire’s joining e-Legacy in June 2007. This has really made a difference in having a sustained and dedicated project partner
• Hardware installation at CSA and CERES of the two 4TB grid bricks. These were shipped in August 2007 and installation was fine-tuned in the fall of 2007
• Further exploration by David Harris of using underground fiber channels to connect the two buildings at the State of California (CaSIL, CSA) for high-speed transfers between the two buildings
• Additional explorations of the records transferred from CERES to the State Archives and to San Diego (County Boundaries, General Plans, Conservation and Trust Lands (fall 2007)

More recent progress highlights include:
• April 2008 trip to UCSD by Chris Garmire, to work with additional GIS records. Transfer of data through “sneaker net” (in person delivery).
• May 2008 presentation at the Society of California Archivists (SCA) annual meeting. Session entitled: “e-Legacy Revisited: Mapping Our Progress"
  o “The Lone Archivist, Archivists Meets Web 1.0”, by Chris Garmire
  o “Mashups, Geo-Feeds, and Automated Preservation”, by Richard Marciano
  o “Semantic Web”, by David Harris
• June 2008 presentation of e-Legacy at the NARA- Sacramento State symposium on preserving electronic records, called “Building the Digital Archives”, by Chris Garmire
• July 2008 presentation at the annual NAGARA meeting in Atlanta, by Chris Garmire, Reagan Moore, Chien-yi Hou
• e-Legacy website in development (October 2008)

Sincerely,

Richard Marciano