



P.O. Box 58  
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December 30, 1998

Mr. Michael D. Coe  
376 St. Ronan Street  
New Haven, CT 06511

Dear Mr. Coe:

On behalf of the Planting Fields Foundation, I wish to thank you for the following gifts:

One bureau measuring 37" x 22" x 34 1/2" and veneered in burled walnut. The piece has three full drawers and two half-sized drawers nesting side by side. The top of the bureau is inlaid in a pattern of semi-circles. The entire piece rests on bun feet. Small sections of inlay are missing, as is a piece of moulding from the lower portion of a side façade. The piece is European and dates from the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

One compote dish measuring 9" in diameter by 6 3/4" in height and marked "Howard & Co. New York Sterling 1886." The bowl portion is decorated with a patterned band of flowers in relief and the base is enriched with a raised pattern of classical motifs. The piece is American and dates from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The pieces will be used to continue the mission of the Planting Fields Foundation to restore and interpret Coe Hall to the public.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lorraine Gilligan". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lorraine Gilligan  
Chief Operating Officer