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Dear Mr. Amft:

Am sorry it took me so long to answer your letter. It arrived at our busiest season--gardening, housekeeping and entertaining guests at our lake cabin. Besides, I am retired after 40 years in newspapering and public relations, and I don't move as fast as I once did.

Unfortunately, my search for the Ellsworth Garden photos and negatives has been in vain-so far. When your letter arrived I was sure I would find them at the Koochiching County Historical Society museum, which has extensive files off photos which were donated by The Daily Journal following a change in ownership some years ago. A volunteer worker went through all of the September 1960 pictures but could spot those which appeared in the Sept. 6, 1960, issue of the paper. This suggests that those pictures were either destroyed at the newspaper or were picked up by an Ellsworth family member.

I am in touch with a retired Kabetogama resort owner who knew the Ellsworth well and is familiar with the Garden site. He has given me the name of one person who knew the Ellsworth well and might have pictures that would interest you. She is way up in the years, I believe close to 90, and I hope to contact her shortly. Her memory may not be the best. I assume you want Ellsworth pictures featuring the Garden, even they are not the ones published in The Journal back in 1960.

Regarding the article carried in the Mpls Sunday Tribune in 1952, it would take some researdh-either at the Newspaper or the Minn. Historical Society--to obtain a copy. I might be able to do it for you but don't get to the Twin Cities very often.

Anyway, I'll keep you in mind and advise you of any developments.

Very truly,

Paul A. Anderson