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glad to smell the happy air

On Mon, Feb 2, 2015 at 12:51 PM, Lisa New <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear jeffrey,

What I haven't told you yet, because its just been coming clear, is that you have not only given me purchasing power I needed but also fantastic leverage with Harvard. I have this other wonderful donor who has essentially put together a whole editing studio worth of donated brand new video equipment for me. This gives me capacity to edit video, store and retrieve my own footage, and it liberates me from Harvard's incredibly slow media storage bureacracy and from dependency on expensive post production contractors for small and inexpensive tasks. .The donor was assembling and ready to send this equipment (now on its way) , but I had no space of my own in which to put it, and I was not succeeding in persuading Harvard that they needed to give me the space.

In a way nothing else had, the Leon Black gift, got Harvard to take me seriously, and to get their real estate office to find me a space. They actually gave me two spaces-- a small office my department and a large room where my team can work. The money made clear to FAS that they really wanted to be part of my partnership with GSE. It all played out over a few hours when just where the check would go was hugely exciting a bunch of administrators. . I admit felt like rather a badass negotiator for just a poetry professor.

Anyway, I wanted you to know that this gift has made a huge difference, and I haven't even started spending the money. But soon.

. I have thanked Leon and Debra by mail and Larry thanked them for me too.

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