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Dear Judy:

I am writing to echo the words of Dr. Albert C. Goodyear whose letter to you of January 15, 2004 outlined in excellent detail reasons to preserve the Isolated Finds Policy (IFP) of the State of Florida.

You and I are both aware that professional archaeologists would know zilch about the archaeological record without input from amateur collectors, including hobby divers. There may be weaknesses in the IFP but they can be addressed and corrected without throwing the baby out with the bath.

My very best wishes,

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