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Letter and Report from J.L. Holcomb to Kenneth T. H. Brooks

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United States Airforce

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 4683D AIR BASE GROUP (ADC)
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12 July 1971

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: SS (Special Services)

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: The President of the University
University of Maine at Portland-Gorham
Gorham, Maine

Dear Sir:

May I express to you, on behalf of the entire Thule Air Base community, our sincerest appreciation for the entertainment and fellowship provided by the students and faculty members of your recent AETA-USO production.

Enclosed is a copy of our USO evaluation for our headquarters. Hopefully it will help describe the great enjoyment of the Treehouse Players' performances by all segments--Danish and American, civilian and military--of our community.

The entire group was most friendly and outgoing during their Thule visit and all members acted with maturity and discretion. As a result, they proved to be both a credit to your institution and a most pleasant link between Thule and contemporary America.

My specific thanks to Mr. Minor Rootes who was most cooperative and efficient in his coordination of USO-Air Force affairs.

Again my thanks to the University and to the Treehouse Players. Their presence in Thule will long be very favorably remembered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.L. Holcomb", is written over the typed name.

J.L.HOLCOMB, 1 Lt, USAF
Chief, Special Services Division

The group continued to be most welcome visitors during their non-performing hours. All members of the group 9 July 1971 friendly and outgoing. At all times the USO personnel acted with maturity, discretion, and in compliance with the unique regulations of Thule AB.

Report of USO Unit # GA-824

Comment that the University of Maine at Portland-Gorham be actively encouraged to participate in future USO activities.

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1. Report of the "Treehouse Players", Univ. Maine Portland-Gorham.

a. Performances: Social Services Division

Date	Location	Audience	Capacity
16 Jun 71	NCO Club	220	350
17 Jun	Base Theater	340	500
18 Jun	Cape Athol	18	21
19 Jun	Officers' Club		
	1st Performance	140	200
	2d Perf	160	200
21 Jun	Service Club	70	100
21 Jun	P Mountain	35	45

b. Evaluation: (scale: Ex, Sat, Marg, Unsat)

Quality:	Excellent
Suitability:	Excellent
Adaptability:	Excellent

2. Comments:

"The Treehouse Players" provided a well rounded performance which was greatly enjoyed by the entire Thule community. Their variety show included middle-of-the-road, folk-rock, mild rock, traditional, and some country music, plus modern dance and the puppet sequence from "Carnival". Most of the numbers were well known and liked; two were well done original works by a member of the Treehouse Players.

The quality of the singing, musicianship, and dance was exceptional. The group established a rapport with the audiences in a manner which was both professional and honest. Comments from personnel who have been on station a number of months indicate that this group was among the two or three most enjoyed groups of the past year.

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