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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ASSESSOR
EL PASO COUNTY

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

OCTOBER 21, 1947.

Miss Laura Gilpin,
Box 1173,
Santa Fe, N. M.

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Replying to your card of October 21st, the enclosed printed form will give you most of the information asked for.

As you will note, the assessment of warehouse goods is more or less mechanical and of a bookkeeping nature on our part, as it would be neither practical nor legal to open boxes or trunks to examine contents.

As also stated in the printed form, you will note that the basis of assessment is for space occupied in the warehouse as indicated by rental paid. Naturally, the increased rental would result in a slight increase in taxes, however, your principal increase last year was due to higher school taxes which have jumped something like $11 in the past three years; the County, State and City taxes have not increased; this is per $1000 valuation.

The difference in tax between goods used in the home and goods in storage is due to an entirely different type of assessment between the two.

Very truly yours,

A W Sparkman

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County Assessor

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Office of COUNTY ASSESSOR,
EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO.

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Dear..

In Colorado storage goods are assessed on a uniform basis according to space occupied in the various warehouses on April first of each year. The assessor is obliged to take this information from the warehouse records, as it is not permissible or practical to open trunks, boxes, etc., for inspection. Therefore, all storage property, regardless of character, is assessed in a uniform manner, varying only according to space occupied. No exemption for the head of a family is allowed to non-residents, as they should be entitled to this in the state where they reside.

Yours truly,

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COUNTY ASSESSOR.