STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY Albany, New York 12203

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TO: President Louis T. Benezet

SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 185
Humidification of the Library

This project, first initiated about three years ago, has had a long and difficult route, but today, bids were finally opened for the job. Seven bidders responded with quotations ranging from \$24,000, the lowest, to \$37,000, the highest.

The low bidder, J. N. Futia Company of Albany, New York, is a well-known and competent builder. They have done other work on our campus in a highly satisfactory manner, including Major Utilities Distribution of Hot Water in 1968. Therefore there seems to be no reason why they would not be awarded the contract in due course, provided the Budget will release the money. \$40,000 had been allocated for the task.

The temporary freeze which has been in effect ever since election however has imposed a suspense on all of our rehabilitation projects, not only this one, but the Fume Hoods in the Science buildings, the additional Chilled Water for the Air Conditioning of the Computer Center and the Correction of Acoustical Problems in the Lecture Center. We are told that it is expected this freeze will be of temporary duration, and that the more important projects at least may be expected to move unce the freeze is resolved in a couple of weeks. Meantime, everything which can possibly be done to clear the way for immediate resumption of these several projects is being done.

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