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TO: President Louis T. Benezet
SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 193
Tower - Indian Quadrangle

This morning we inspected and accepted the Tower of the Indian Quadrangle for beneficial occupancy, with the exception of the Meteorological Station and the top floor lounge, subject to the customary punch list. I was asked to represent the State University of New York Central Office at this inspection as they were not able to send an inspector at this time.

Although the inspection showed several things to be desired, it is in a state of completion which warrants our takeover, particularly in view of the fact that we urgently need to get on with the job of installing lights for academic use of the building. I was influenced a great deal by this realization and tended to overlook some features which might otherwise argue for rejection until a later date.

Interestingly enough, I was under great pressure by the Dormitory Authority to accept the building, and I am of the impression that they have experienced enough trouble with this contract so that they are interested now only in dumping it at any cost. They could not properly accept the building without our concurrence and without that of SUNY.

I may have made a mistake in agreeing to take the building at this time; only time will tell. But, I was influenced heavily by our needs to install lights and to make preparations for academic use. If a mistake has been made, at least we moved with a good reason. However, in agreeing to do this, I solicited and have been given sincere, personal promises from the contractor and his principal electrical sub-contractor that within a week, they will have the place shipshape. Nothing else has worked too well to bring about a completion, so maybe these personal promises are the most effective thing we have going for it.

Effective now, the Plant Department will be free to go into the building and to make their necessary preparations for installing lights and other necessities. We will hold the bedroom furniture as a reserve for replacement when required in other dormitories, or perhaps some of the desks and chairs will be useful for office furnishings. Carpet will now be installed by the Dormitory Authority commencing in about a week; draperies have already been installed.

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