

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT ALBANY  
Albany, New York 12222

DATE: 21 April 1972

FROM: Walter M. Tisdale

TO: President Louis T. Benezet

SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 189  
Construction of Installation and base for Telescope, Earth and Atmospheric  
Building

I attended the bid opening for the above project on April 19 at the Office of General Services. There were six bidders, ranging from \$10,738 to \$48,760. The low bidder was John Muir, Inc. of Cohoes, New York.

The assessment of the John Muir firm was satisfactory, but his bid exceeded the allocated amount released by the Division of the Budget by \$338. I made representations to the Central Office to see if they would cover the difference so that the contract might be awarded and we would not have to start all over again and we would have to go through the total sequence of additional events, etc. The Central Office was unable to be helpful here, and indicated that the only two options that were open were (1) to go the normal route to the Division of the Budget and ask for approval of the \$338 or (2) to see if the University would be willing to fund the difference.

By all measurements the second option was the better so I approached the Astronomy Department, and, through the services of Frank Jettner, secured his approval of granting the \$338 from his operating account. The necessary papers were then filled out and this fund, together with the Budget allocation of \$10,400 was accepted by Central Office and used for placement of the contract. The contract was awarded at 9:00 a.m. today and Mr. Muir is our contractor.

Active work should start in a week or two and the base of the Telescope should be completed by the end of May, thus affording the month of June for the installation of the Telescope itself. The Telescope had already been purchased some time prior to this and is on hand awaiting installation in the Schenectady County Airport hangar, courtesy of A.S.R.C. If all goes according to plan, the installation should be completed by this summer, in time to be used by the Astronomy Department for summer courses.

Though one of the smaller jobs we have handled recently, this small but important project has proven to be one of the most cantankerous; delays and obstacles ad infinitum have occurred, the net effect of which has been to delay the project about one year. Happily now this is settled and should soon be completed.

Cc: Vice President Louis R. Salkever  
Vice President Phillip Strotkin  
Vice President John W. Hartley  
Mr. Frank Jettner

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GREAT MEADOW CORRECTIONAL FACILITY,  
COMSTOCK Installation of Fire  
Standpipes, Building No. 2.

SPEC. NO. 25056-S

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J & K PLBG. & HTG. CO., INC.  
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STATE OFFICE BUILDING CAMPUS, ALBANY  
Heating, Construction, & Electric Work  
to Re-inforce Ventilation of Ballistics  
Firing Range, Building No. 22.

SPEC. NO. 25239-H

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