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TO: President Evan R. Collins
SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 63
Stage VIII Dormitory (Our second)

Information received from the builder has stated that units "E" and "F" would be ready for occupancy four weeks after heat was introduced into the building. Heat was introduced today and this would place occupancy predicted for the 19th of November. However, physical inspection was made of these units with Mr. Andrew Koonz of the Dormitory Authority today and we noted that the interior rooms are now almost all habitable, lacking only a few toilet fixtures which could be readily installed, and folding doors for the wardrobes, - also readily installed. Other completion features were minor, and could, in our estimation, be finished by November 12.

Another problem is connecting units "E" and "F" with the sidewalk to the stairs on the northwest corner of the podium. Progress on this has been very slow, the latest hindrance being a flash carpenter's strike on the part of the local union, in defiance of the national organization. However, at the meeting today, and after being urged to emphasize this part of the programme, the builder estimated that it would be completed within two more weeks. In view of this, I am advocating the movement forward of the occupancy date from November 19 to November 12, and succeeded in having Mr. Koonz and the architect accompany me on an inspection tour one week from today, to see if it could not be moved forward.

In view of the above, it appears that in no case would we take occupancy prior to November 12, the builder is now formally stating that he will give occupancy on November 19, and we must not overlook the possibility that in his own mind he is not even serious about this date, and occupancy will not be achieved till still later. All parties have been informed that we will need a minimum of two weeks notice to terminate motel rentals and to make way for the movement of the students. It would seem likely however, that the movement might be anticipated sometime between the 12th and Thanksgiving (November 25).

The Business Office should alert the telephone company to the prospect of installation of telephones in time, during this period of November 12 to November 24.



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