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TO: President Evan R. Collins

SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 143 - Performing Arts Center

Today, we inspected and accepted the Performing Arts Center. Although this building was not in as complete a state as others which we have accepted, we had delayed until the last moment and were now forced to accept the building if we are to make it ready for the Convocation on April 16-17-18.

The building was accepted exclusive of the Main Theatre and Recital Hall. In this case, the Recital Hall will not be ready for use for some time yet to come, but we do expect that the Main Theatre will be acceptable for use prior to the Convocation, and are making our plans accordingly.

In summary, this will give us use of Arena Theatre, Lab. Theatres No. 1 and No. 2, the Main Theatre, all choral and rehearsal rooms, all classrooms, seminar rooms, faculty offices, lounges, etc. This should enable us to fulfill the commitments of the Convocation, working around several incompleting aspects, and improvising in other instances. All personnel involved are prepared to do this however, and it would seem that we can anticipate a worthwhile showing.

It may be that crash entrance into this building for this occasion will be regretted, inasmuch as it has forced us into some bad positions which may take months to rectify. Only time will tell whether this was an ill-advised commitment or not. However, be that as it may, the commitment is being honored.

Although immediate preparations may now commence, Department Chairmen are being requested to forestall the entrance of large numbers of personnel into this building until notice is received from this office that the preparations are sufficiently advanced to make this possible. The reason for this request is that much work still remains to be done, and the contractor has promised to do as much of this as possible prior to Convocation. This will be essential to the useability of the building, and the entrance of personnel from the Departments at this juncture could defeat our purpose.

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