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FROM: Walter M. Tisdale
TO: President Louis T. Benezet
SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report no. 193
Humidification System for the Library

Today we inspected and accepted the project for the Humidification System for the Library, subject only to a small punch list. This job was completed in advance of the scheduled completion date of 16 June. The contractor was J. N. Futia Construction Company of Albany, and their performance was excellent.

The Humidification System to keep the relative humidity of the Library from falling below 35% is not normally required during the summer months when we are not heating the building. Normally it will function only during the months when heat is required in the building and hence the atmosphere would tend to dry out. The addition of this System will be extremely beneficial for the books and will extend their life. Heretofore we had experienced some rather severe drying during the winter months. Especially, back bindings were suffering as a result of this low humidity. If all works according to plan, this risk has now been cancelled and from here on in we should not have any more trouble.

A load test when the building is being heated, probably in October, was one of the provisos on which the acceptance was based.

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