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TO: President Louis T. Benezet

SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report #173 - Planting Contract
Academic Group II and State Quadrangle

The two year maintenance and guarantee period for the above cited contract has now come to a close, and this morning, a final inspection of the planting occurred with representatives of all parties concerned attending. A general survey of all the pots, beds and other plantings involved in this particular contract was conducted on site. The work was considered highly satisfactory and was unanimously accepted by all concerned, including the undersigned for the University. Henceforward, the planting contractor will have nothing whatsoever to do with these plantings and the sole responsibility will fall upon the Plant Department for maintenance of all plants, shrubs, trees, etc.

This inspection was the second conducted this spring; about a month ago a preliminary inspection was conducted, and at that time, major areas for correction were identified. Principal among the corrections was replacement of some fifteen beech trees on and around the great circle, replacement of Viburnum in the pots along the north and west perimeters of the academic podium, replacement of pads of Ivy that had not survived the two year period since the original planting, and sporadic shrub replacement throughout the remaining scope of the contract which was very nominal and considered normal. All replacement shrubs seemed to be virile, adequate in size, etc., and in summary, we feel that we have accomplished a good job. Many compliments have been received on these plantings, particularly now that spring has shown them in full flower.

The difference in the State Quad was particularly marked, as the original varieties and plantings there had not come through the past winter very well. These have all been replaced by more hardy varieties and new stock, and the improvement in the appearance of the State Quadrangle is most marked.

By information copy of this memorandum, the Plant Department is notified of the acceptance, and advised to initiate maintenance of these areas. Fred Mastrianni was invited to accompany the inspection party, and is thoroughly advised of these results. Valuable advice from the planting contractor to Fred Mastrianni and Fred Fortune took place throughout the survey, which should stand the University in good stead through the coming years.

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