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No. 1. - Atmospheric Sciences Research Laboratory - Whiteface Mountain, Adirondacks

No. 2 - Shrubbery Planting in the East and West Podium Courts, plus Indian Quadrangle Area.

No. 1. - Yesterday an inspection was held of the ASRC Weather Observatory at Whiteface Mountain, and the facility was deemed ready for acceptance. Accordingly, as of eight o'clock today, we have taken it over. Henceforth, it is ours for operation and maintenance.

This is a splendid facility and represents a valuable addition to the labs. of ASRC. I recommend that at your earliest convenience you visit Whiteface, as you will find it both interesting and informative.

No. 2. - A bid opening was conducted at the Construction Fund yesterday afternoon where bids were received for plantings of the East and West Podium Courts, plus the area around the Indian Quadrangle. We were anxious to get the court plantings under way as soon as possible so that there would be no interval between the completion of the construction work and the landscaping work. As you know, this project had come under some criticism and student protest.

I am happy to report that successful bids were received from three contractors. A fourth contractor was very high over the allocated amount of money, - \$169,000. The two lowest bidders, Anderson, and Lawns Beautiful, are people who have done work for us before. One of them will be selected as the successful contractor, After the Fund has conducted a thorough review of their records. Indications are that Lawns Beautiful leaves something to be desired and could possibly be rejected as the successful bidder on the grounds of irresponsibility and poor performance. On the other hand, Anderson, who was only \$20,000. higher, bid at \$159, 990, has an excellent record and may well win the contract. In any case, I am happy to report that we now have a landscaper, who, as soon as the contract is awarded, will be commencing with the shrubbery which can be planted during the Fall season. Those species which do not take a Fall planting will be deferred until Spring plantings to improve their chances of survival. The completion date set for the entire job is 30 June, 1971.

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I will continue to keep you posted as to the progress of this project.

Since the immediate area around the Indian Quadrangle is not yet ready for landscaping, this portion of course will be delayed until Spring, at which time it is anticipated that all will be in readiness.

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