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TO: Vice President John W. Hartley
FROM: Mr. Walter M. Tisdale
SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 201
Accelerator Elevator and Structure

Bids were opened this morning at OGS for the accelerator elevator. There were two bidders, ranging from \$52,000 to \$65,000. Only \$40,000 had been cleared by the Division of the Budget and SUNY for this project. Hence, we do not have a contractor at this juncture.

Central Office is disposed to take either one of two possible courses of action:

1. If OGS reviews their estimate for a structure and considers the low bidder to be reasonable, they are willing to ask for more money from the Division of the Budget, and they feel that our prospects are good to obtain it. The principal reason for this thinking is that we all know that if delayed another year, the elevator will cost about 12% more, at least.
2. Since the elevator itself in both cases was bid close to OGS estimates, we might place the contract for the elevator portion now as a result of this bidding. There is nine months delivery time on the elevator in any event. This would allow sufficient time to rebid the structural portion, and OGS feels that if the project were better publicized we would get more bidders and better price.

Either course of action will in all likelihood enable us to go forward with the project reasonably soon, and should result in the accomplishment of the job on the same schedule that had been initially planned.

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