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MEMORANDUM

*Campus
Progress Report*

DATE: 15 March 1973

TO: Vice President John W. Hartley
Administration Building - Room 326

FROM: Mr. Walter M. Tisdale
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SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 214
Modify Fire Alarm System, Install Horns in Dorms 1, 2, and 3
SUCF Project No. 01-271

Yesterday bids were opened on the above project and we were fortunate to receive four bids with good competition and prices. Bids ranged from \$33,215 to \$59,400. The lowest bidder was Henzel Electric Co Inc., Albany, New York.

This contractor is especially good, having done previous work for us in the Alden and Waterbury Halls kitchen rehabilitation jobs. Owing to his low bid and the excellence of his work, there is no question but that he will be awarded the contract as soon as the paper work clears through OGS and the Construction Fund.

Actual work should be starting in late April or early May. Most of this will constitute no interference with the occupancy of Dormitories 1, 2, and 3, the dormitories involved. Even that portion which will require access to some rooms will be minimal and can be arranged at times when the dormitories are at low occupancy. We anticipate that all work will be completed prior to the occupancy of the dormitories at the beginning of the Fall semester. Since Dormitory 2 (Indian Quadrangle) already has horns installed the only work involved there is the addition of four more alarms, which would not constitute any conflict with occupancy.

The general nature of this work is to switch from the bell type fire alarm to the horn type fire alarm to increase the level of sound and to positively insure that all occupants are alerted in case of fire. Experience has shown us that the bell type system while 98% effective, left something to be desired. The horn type system will be absolutely conclusive. A few additional horns are also being added at locations where experience has shown this to be desirable. Accomplishment of the job will improve fire safety in all dormitories on the new campus.

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