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DATE: 5 February 1974
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FROM: Mr. Walter M. Tisdale
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SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 234
Air Pollution Control - Central Heating Plant
Project No. 01-393

Today I attended a bid opening at the Construction Fund for this project. Four bids ranging from \$428,000 to \$525,000 were received. Bids were well above the allocated amount that was approved for the project, i.e., \$300,000. In view of the fact that all bids were high, it is not possible to award any of these bids and additional action will be required.

The Construction Fund is now of the opinion that the recent rise in steel prices is the major cause why all of these steel components have so far exceeded the estimated amounts used last year. This is true even though an allowance had been made for escalation of prices. There is also the possibility that some portions were misunderstood by those that submitted bids and this will have to be clarified. Consequently, the Fund is re-studying the project with a view to clarifying any obvious misunderstandings. It will also attempt to get more funds cleared through the Division of the Budget for a second bidding. It is estimated now that about 60 days will be required to review the project in light of these developments and hopefully to secure approval for additional funds.

The disposition on the part of the Construction Fund is to do the above study and then move forward with the project as soon as possible in order to comply with the air purification regulations now in effect with this state. There seems to be a willingness to pay whatever we must to bring state institutions up to these standards. When our project is completed it will comply with those standards. It is regrettable that this first attempt did not succeed, but with the rate of inflation it has been virtually impossible to keep pace. It would seem now that the project still has a good chance of going forward, but with the additional delay of at least two months. I will continue to keep persons informed of the status.

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