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MEMORANDUM

DATE: 6 May 1974

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

FROM: Mr. Walter M. Tisdale  
Service Building "A" - Room 103

SUBJECT: Campus Progress Report No. 236  
Alumni House Site Approval

This morning Mr. Elwin Stevens, Mort Gassman, and John Buckhoff from the Central Office joined Joel True, Dave Jenks, and the undersigned on site to make another inspection of the two sites that are under consideration for the Alumni House. Both sites were visited. The inspection lasted about 45 minutes and the visitors had very few questions and made very few comments. The impression we received was that they simply wanted to verify some factors that were discussed two weeks ago in a meeting at the Central Office.

In customary Central Office fashion no comments were made. Before they left I asked if they had any other questions or reservations. The response was negative and they simply stated that they would soon be letting us know their reactions to our request for approval of the new site. Ordinarily this noncommittal attitude on the part of any group might be considered as less than satisfactory, but knowing the personalities involved I am not disturbed. I think in the end they will give us the approval we seek. Dave Jenks told us that he would like to have this approval as soon as possible. I signified that if we didn't hear something from them that we would bug them and try to have a decision for him by the weekend.

Inasmuch as the Alumni Association and other appropriate committees and commissions have supported the new position, I am confident that even if the Central Office does not grant approval of the new site this week we can turn it around and gain approval ultimately. This being the case and since it is very important to the alumni to go forward with the ground breaking ceremony this month, it is my recommendation that this ceremony proceed at the new site even though it might be technically premature.

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cc: President Benezet  
Vice President Welch  
Mr. Jenks  
Mr. True ✓