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At two o'clock this afternoon, bids were opened for the Planetarium-Accelerator. Four bidders responded. They were McFarland from Latham, N.Y., Hanson Construction Company from Scotia, New York, Planet Construction (builder of our State Quad), New York City and McManus, Longe and Brockwehl (builder of our Service Group), Albany, New York. The lowest bidder was McManus, with a base bid of \$1,305,900. The highest bidder was Planet at \$1,620,000.

The allocated amount, less contingency was \$1,222,000. There were eight alternates; some were additive and some were deductible, and when full advantage was taken of full deductibles, we were able to reduce the low bid by \$53,500, thus bringing the McManus bid down to \$1,252,400. This represented an overshoot of \$30,400 in excess of the allocated fund, but it was not so great in excess that it cannot be absorbed by reducing our contingency.

In discussing this point with the representatives of the Construction Fund, I have been given assurances that this overshoot will not be an obstacle standing in the way of the award of contract. This was an unofficial opinion of course, but I feel certain that this discrepancy can be resolved and that in about ten days or two weeks time, the contract will be awarded to McManus, Longe and Brockwehl.

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