

August 16, 1945

Mr. Marion Smith, Chairman
Board of Regents
University System of Georgia
Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is to follow up your suggestion that I keep you posted so that information would be in your file concerning our progress toward acquiring surplus property.

Since my letter to you of August 14, I have been quite busy in search of surplus property, but haven't made as many contacts as I would have had there not been a two-day holiday period granted all federal agencies.

The ripest contact I have made is at the old Fisher Body plant where Firestone has been making wings for PBY planes. This plant has plenty of movable partition material, which, if wrecked by us, could be used in our building. This includes thousands of electrical fixtures which have already been specified by Tucker to be used in the building. These people believe they will be out in less than a month, as it behooves Firestone to get out of the Fisher Body plant so that automobiles can be assembled immediately. Firestone, which has a lease on the building for the Navy, is the biggest customer of General Motors. We are doing everything we can to arrange for this material, but of course we know we are just one of many who will be in the general scramble.

I also have many letters out to people who "know their way around" as to surplus material and how the agency actually works. The most profitable answer so far was an immediate reply from Mayor Hartsfield in which he gave us most useful information. Mr. Hartsfield has always been a good friend of our institution. In addition to people he suggested we should see, he advised us to write letters to Congressman Ramspeck, and Senators George and Russell, and also to make an approach through the Veterans Bureau.

This, we shall proceed to do, and the reason we are being specific in these names is that we think you might say a word to Congressman Ramspeck or one of the senators if you meet them on their present vacation in Georgia.

Cordially yours

GEO. M. SPARKS
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