

September 21, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is just a few lines to be considered as information or a report of progress on surplus government material:

Doctor Joe LeConte, now a Captain in Chemical Warfare and on leave from this institution during the war emergency, tipped us off that a Captain Baronski, in Dallas Texas, where the headquarters of Chemical Warfare is located, was dealing out surplus property for two big chemical war plants in Columbia, Tennessee, and that we should have someone contact him to select laboratory and equipment materials for our building. This we did by sending Doctor Herod, a physicist who had been assigned to the Oak Ridge project, at Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Doctor Herod preferred not to return to Georgia Tech and is to be our new Dean.

We had Doctor Herod leave at once by plane to select this material, which is to be given us and the freight prepaid to Atlanta. Doctor LeConte has since telephoned me that he would be in Dallas himself in a few days and would see that every effort was made to implement our receiving this material.

In a recent letter to you I wrote about material at the Bell Aircraft Corporation. Mr. L. M. Blair, of Marietta, seems to have charge of the inventory of unused fixtures on hand. He has sent me a most excellent list of plumbing materials, light fixtures, wallboard partitions, and doors of every description. On this material we must make a bid, and I am working hard to contact someone who may earmark some of this material for us.

It looks now as if we are to have the biggest enrollment this fall in the history of the school. Five or six part-time teachers have already been added to care for overflowing classes. Registration

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for many classes has been closed for several days because of a lack of space to accommodate additional students.

Mr. Tucker, the architect, is still holding us up on lighting plans. Every phase of our dealings with Mr. Tucker has been most burdensome, and I do believe we would already be holding some classes in the Ivy Street Garage building if Mr. Driftmier had been kept out of the picture and our own architects selected.

Cordially yours

GEO. M. SPARKS
Director

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