

November 3, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is just another short progress report for your files about the conversion of the Ivy Street Garage Building.

(1) We have finally made a settlement with Tucker and Howell. It took a three-day session to whittle \$2000 off their original demand. Our contention was that we were due them only the fee on an \$85,000 program, whereas their contention was that in the conferences in your office you said that we would eventually need the space and therefore to draw the plans for four floors.

(2) The payment to them was doubly offset the very next day when we had delivered to us more than \$10,000 worth of 2 by 4's, and 4 by 6's, lumber almost impossible to secure except in the green variety, which is not good for partitions and other inside work.

(3) We also have our own army truck secured from Fort McPherson, and, with our janitor service, we are hauling this and other surplus property which is now beginning to break for us.

(4) Electric fixtures are definitely promised us from the Bell Bomber plant during the coming week.

(5) Some building material has been found at Fort McPherson, and there are only one or two remaining wires to be pulled before we begin hauling that away.

(6) We have made about a dozen different contacts for building material in that many government projects, and at least one or two of them should break in our favor during the coming week.

The uncertainty of the present compulsory military bill has caused the army people to clamp down tightly until something develops in Washington as to how such a program should be formulated.

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(7) Today, Saturday, the convicts are cleaning the first floor. Early next week, considerable work will have been completed there.

The State Librarian has just written me that the location of our building is known historically as "Beaver Slide," not a very historic name, but certainly picturesque.

Cordially yours

GEO. M. SPARKS
Director

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