

October 13, 1945

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is just another progress report on the building in case Brother Talmadge breaks out with some sort of bitter symptom.

Early last Monday morning we had the county convicts clean the second floor, and by the middle of the week we had the framing up for fifteen of the twenty classrooms on that floor. This convict labor is saving us \$3,075 on the cost sheet given us by Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Howard Haire, chairman of the Electric Light Committee of City Council, has promised lights for Exchange Place and Ivy Street in the vicinity of the new school building. He is definite about giving us overhead lights, but he says it will take from sixty to ninety days for whiteway posts. Mr. Dewey Johnson was out of the city, and we could not be assured exactly which we were to get.

Monday we are making the first quarterly payment on the trust funds. Major Grace, in charge of the materials at the Bell Bomber plant, assures us of lighting fixtures, plumbing fixtures, and lumber for completion of the plans as now drawn. He also assures us of cafeteria material. There has been some army redtape delay, but I think by the middle of the week we should be able to get this material. Doctor Herod, our new Dean, is in active charge of all this.

The delay in getting our plans has thrown us out in competition with all the other people as of October 15, when the lid is off on material.

In order to keep such materials moving, we have made arrangements with a Cobb County owner to cut the wood, saw it, and kiln-dry it



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until the lumber is released from the Bell Bomber plant, so anxious are we to keep the construction in the building moving while we have laborers at hand.

I am also attaching a letter written to Mr. Siebert about the adjacent property, which not only explains the method as partially outlined by you to me in our recent conversation, but shows how far we had progressed with Mr. Ellis' firm before he went West. I understand he is to be back in a few days, and if you will let us proceed with Mr. Ellis, I think we may save considerable money, as outlined in my letter to Mr. Siebert.

I am leaving Monday evening for Philadelphia for three days to attend the American Association of Urban Universities, where I am on the program for Wednesday morning. I always secure valuable information in discussing problems with these deans and heads of the big city colleges throughout America.

Doctor Herod is well acquainted with every phase of the new building construction in case other information is needed.

Cordially yours

GEO. M. SPARKS  
Director

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Enclosure: Copy of Mr. Siebert's  
letter from Doctor Sparks  
dated October 13, 1945