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

Dear Mr. Smith:

In my letter to Mr. Siebert of October 13, relative to the purchase of land adjacent to the Ivy Street Garage Building, copied by Mr. Siebert and sent to you and your committee, enrollment budget figures were given to show that at least \$25,000 could be advanced from income to make the down payment on the land adjacent to the Ivy Street Garage Building.

A breakdown in this budget estimate by our treasurer shows the following "backlog" on which to base such an estimate as given your committee in the letter to Mr. Siebert:

Our budget is based on seven hundred full-time students for the coming year, which would be only three hundred full-time (student taking three courses) for each quarter. However, this quarter we have eleven hundred full-time students taking three subjects each. Such an enrollment makes us \$30,000 ahead on tuition income for the year, and at the rate GI's are coming into our school at the present time, more than these eleven hundred full-time students per quarter will be continued throughout the year. So far, we have received no GI money from the government, and this money is over and above the expected government check which is forthcoming soon.

Additional unused funds have accumulated which can be used at least through the spring quarter in the amount of \$10,000 which was not paid to additional faculty members because of delay in receiving discharges from the armed services. We also have \$9,000 which must be held out in library improvements until the present Ivy Street building is completed, as well as \$3,000 in bookstore money which may be transferred to any account during the year. This \$22,000 can be borrowed from these funds to be used as a strengthening factor in our financial status.

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We must keep in mind that although this fund can be used from income now, it is still from tuition payments by students, and there is a moral obligation that it should be repaid, at least by the sale of the Walton Street building, which at this time should bring its best sale price.

There are several reasons why this property should be sold and the proceeds used for Evening College purposes. It should be considered as a trust fund for this institution anyway, since the donor, Mr. R. R. Johnson, completed the payment of it after our faculty and students had raised most of the funds for its purchase. It is also just a question of time when the Southern School of Pharmacy, the present tenants, will embarrass the University System more than they have already done during the past. Doctor Sanford's correspondence on this matter from other institutions will bear out such a situation. This will become accentuated as the School of Pharmacy continually states to government and academic agencies that they are tied up with the State and even are furnished facilities by the University System of Georgia. The firm of Mr. Rutherford Ellis could probably handle such a sale in a few weeks, and thus not only save some future embarrassment, but afford us the use of the money invested in the building for the purpose for which it was given.

The immediate situation facing us now is the down payment on the land and the taking over of the contract Mr. Brown has for the payment on the balance.

Cordially yours

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