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Dr. Ernest D. Burton, The University of Chicago.

My dear Dr. Burton:

I am sending herewith the drawings for the proposed motion picture equipment, Mandel Hall.

The general estimates of cost are as follows:

General work
Electrical work
Motion picture machine
Architects fees, screen, extras
2000.
1270.

Total

\$12,000.

There will be a charge, in addition, for operator's time.

The total cost as above shown might be reduced somewhat upon final bids and closer study of details; but I believe the total investment will be approximately \$10,000 as the lowest limit.

I have not been able as yet to confer with Prof. F. R. Moulton or with those members of the School of Education who are working with motion pictures as an educational matter. Also I have not discussed the matter with the Director of the Reynolds Club, who, you will recall, raised the question. I return his letter to you dated November 6th.

If it has not already been done, I suggest that Messrs. Moulton, Nelson and a representative of the School of Education group investigate and report on the total educational and social need for this type of equipment. The justification for the \$10,000 investment could then be more easily determined.

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1/28/24. Dr. Burton. -2-The accompanying plans are subject to the approval of the Building Department. This will require the passage of a special ordinance which I understand from Commissioner Doherty will have his approval. It will, however, be unwise to seek to have the building code amended unless the University is reasonably sure of making these changes in Mandel Hall. Very truly yours, GOF: EB Enc. G. O. Fairweather.

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