Harold H. Swift Union Stock Yards Chicago

January 31, 1924.

President Ernest D. Burton, The Hollywood, Southern Pines, N. Car.

Dear President Burton:

Answering yours of January 28 in reference to the question of confirming the designation of Mr. Ryerson's gift:

I recommend asking the question direct of Mr. Ryerson rather than of Mr. Judson. It seems to me Mr. Judson can do nothing more than reiterate and then the information is still once removed. If on the other hand you were to say to Mr. Ryerson that we are having difficulty in confirming all of the designations and we are, therefore going to the original sources where possible, the reply would have several advantages --

- 1. It would be authoritative.
- 2. It might lead him to give reasons for the designation which might bring us new light.
- 3. It might say that irrespective of previous attitude he was willing to leave the matter now to your discretion or to the discretion of the Board.

All of these might have some advantage so that if you agree, I recommend writing him direct. His address is --

Mr. Martin A. Ryerson, % Munroe & Company, 4 Rue Ventadour, Paris, France.

Yours cordially,

Harold H. Wurff

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May 15, 1924.

President Ernest D. Burton, The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Burton:

You indicated on Monday night that you were at a loss as to who should make the preliminary study of the needs of the main College building on the south of the Midway.

Group of the College Commission pretty well indicates what should be housed in the building and it occurs to me that one or two members of the group, working closely with Mr. Wilkins, might take the responsibility of a preliminary study. This group seems to be further along in the matter than any one else I know of.

You will remember the Faculty members of the group consist of -

Prescott, vice chairman Mrs. Flint Wilkins Jones Morrison Spencer Norton

This to be considered purely suggestive.

Yours cordially, Harold H. Sriff

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May 13, 1924.

President Ernest D. Burton. The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Burton:

I am this morning in receipt of your longhand letter of May 10 in reference to Mr. Wilkins' address and also the effect that the publication of the preliminary report of the College Commission is having in the Quadrangles.

I recommend that Mr. Wilkins be asked to prepare his talk for publication and when it is submitted we then can determine whether to rush it through or delay it. My own feeling is that the publication of it may be the very way to allay suspicion, but I should want to consider the matter further before considering this my vote. There was no reference to the College Commission report in his talk, - it being simply a report of what had been accomplished and how, as well as their future plans for more humanizing.

I agree that as you pointed out last night, we should not further stir up the situation; perhaps this is a way to allay it.

Yours cordially.