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The University of Chicago

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Office of the President

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Specifications for the President's Suite

Office space to be provided for the President, two Vice Presidents, two Assistants, two Secretaries, seven Clerks, and one Statistician:

President's Office:	approximately
Vice Presidents:	two private offices, each
Assistants:	two private offices, each200 sq.ft.
Statistician:	private office
Clerks and Secretary:	space for eight desks
Conference Room:	to be used by anyone400 sq.ft.
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Filing space:	cupboards and current files71 1.ft.
Bookshelves:	for official publications200 1.ff.
Storage cupboards:	could be transferred from present quarters 45 l.ft.
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134 SOUTH LA SALLE STREET, CHICAGO

November 5 1925

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The restaurant and kitchen contain 235,500	cubic feet
@ 70¢ per cubic foot	\$164,000.00
Chairs and Tables	11.000.00
Kitchen Equipment	12,000.00
Refrigerators and Refrigerating Machinery-	15,000.00

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Subject: Administration Building

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In my letter of May 15, I stated that I would present to you an opportunity to create one of the world's finest memorials. The memorial I have had in mind is the ADINISTRATION BUILDING at the University of Chicago which is very greatly needed and which should be erected as soon as funds are available. This building will occupy a position at the architectural center of all the buildings on the main quadrangle. In many respects it will be the most important building of the University; In it will be the President's offices and the offices of the leading administrators of the University. To this building will come all the professors and instructors of the University, all students, citizens and friends of education who are related in any way to the life of the University. There is no building in all the group of more than half a hundred buildings now in use at the University which would be frequented more constantly than this new ADINISTRATION BUILDING.

Upon expression of willingness on your part to transfer in fee simple to the University of Chicago the title to the real estate listed on the sheet attached to this letter, I shall be glad to recommend to the Board of Trustees that they should covenant and agree with you to carry out the suggestions hereinafter set forth.

Before coming to the statement of the proposals in detail I wish to call to your attention some facts regarding the ability and responsibility of the University to handle advantageously such properties as are listed in the accompanying memorandum.

- 1. The University maintains a real estate department with four managers and a large staff of maintenance and repair men. This enables the University to manage properties of this character efficiently and at a minimum expense.
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- 4. The University is now managing properties in the central part and outlying regions of the city. This gives to the University familiarity with the rentals and sales markets of just such properties as are included in your list.
- 5. To bring out the best income-producing qualities of many of the properties under consideration an outlay of money will have to be made in several of the properties. The University is in financial position to deal with each property as may be necessary.

An acceptance by you of the plan I am suggesting would relieve you of all future responsibility and annoyance for the management of said properties or annual loss on account of payment of taxes, insurance, assessments, attorney's fees and other incidental expenses, the total of which undoubtedly now amounts to a sum equivalent to more than four per cent per annum on a million dollars.

I am prepared to recommend to the Trustees of the University that, upon receipt of the transfer of title, in accordance with terms previously set forth, of all of the properties named in the accompanying statement, the University of Chicago should covenent with you as follows:

- 1. That the University receive such transfer as the equivalent of a cash gift of \$1.400.000.
- 2. That the University erect the ADM INISTRATION
 BUILDING at a cost of not less than \$1,250,000.
 This figure includes the sum needed for the
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 fund of at least \$400,000, the income of which
 only to be used to provide for the permanent
 maintenance and upkeep of the building. This
 building would be known as the GARRETT ADM INISTRATION
 BUILDING, with the name carved in stone over the entrance
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 placed in the main entrance of the building, indicating that the funds for the building were contributed by Mrs. Ada Sawyer Garrett. Of course the
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 would be subject to your approval.
- 3. That the University start at once upon the preparation of plans and as soon thereafter as possible begin the construction work.
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5. That in addition to the erection of the proposed GARRETT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING the University shall pay you an annual annuity of \$6,000 a year, one twelfth of which would be paid to you on the first day of each month for the remainder of your life.

The suggestion that I am making to you is not unlike a circumstance which occurred in connection with a gift received a few years ago. Mr. Hobart Williams owned real estate on Wabash Avenue near Madison Street and was anxious to invest the capital, so represented, in the best way he could as a memorial to his parents. He was unknown to the University and without the knowledge of any Trustee studied the problem confronting him with great care. After due consideration he made known to the business manager of the University the fact that he had decided to establish a Hobart Williams Foundation in connection with the University of Chicago. He deeded to the University properties worth approximately \$2,000,000. In connection with making this gift, Mr. Williams volunteered the information that he considered the University of Chicago handled its properties and used its income more wisely than any other philanthropic institution he had known, and that he considered a memorial in the hands of the Trustees of the University of Chicago the best he could devise. You have doubtless read the story of this gift as told on pages 279 and 287 in the first volume of Dr. Goodspeed's Biographical Sketches.

I am making this statement in all good faith. It is only fair, however, to all interests concerned to state that in the event others should offer to furnish the funds needed for this project before you act in the matter, any statement made by me herein does not obligate the University in such manner as to prevent the acceptance of such other gift.

It would be most gratifying if you could reach a decision in time to permit us to make an announcement of your gift at the next Convocation, which is held June 16. This is the largest attended and most significant Convocation held in the University year at which a large number of graduates will receive their degrees.

If the above suggestions commend themselves to you and you will kindly so indicate, I shall be glad to place my recommendations before the Trustees of the University at once.

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Through historical accident, modern science has been split up into a series of departments and departmental subdivisions. These subdivisions have been required to enable intense cultivation of a limited field. These departmental divisions are, however, artificial. The material studied is continuous and does not submit to exact classification by departments. So the need exists for ecoperation and synthesis. All departments recognize that fields of interest and material overlap and that the greatest good can come only from cooperative attack. Hence this request for a single laboratory building to house the seven member sciences of the biological group. It would provide laboratories for research from each of the seven sciences. Cooperation would be possible, not by enforcement, but by contact, exchange of ideas and mutual stimulation. The mere fact of working together is a tremendous force for united effort and exchange of stimulating ideas.

Located now in an old and utterly inadequate house, the department of Psychology needs urgently a modern and adequate place to work. Psychology studies the individual human personality, the wellsprings of its action, the measurement of its possibilities, and may be expected to offer important suggestions as to the means of directing personality into useful and happy expression. This building is an essential tool in the progress of effectual research.

It is an old but potent adage that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. This is precisely the approach of this department which is concerned with public health. The maintenance of public health depends on understanding the nature and spreading of the bacteria which cause epidemics and its continuous endeavor toward the prevention of contagious disease. Important work is now under way on influenza, infantile paralysis and other terrible infectious diseases. This department asks a place to work as a means of continuing its admirable work in the prevention of disease and the promotion of public health.

Provision of a nurses home is an essential part of a well run medical enterprise. Here it has a triple function: it houses those who take care of the sick in the hospital in anmattractive and convenient home; it gives to young nurses during the period of study a controlled environment and the advantage of living together and with older nurses; and finally, it offers housing facilities to graduate nurses doing special work in the graduate school of nursing. It is an essential part of the medical enterprise and is needed immediately.

The present student health service is housed in the Albert Merritt Billings Hospital and the space which it uses will shortly be needed for extension of the regular activities of the Clinics. Therefore an infirmary, near the hospital, to provide for sick students, is needed. This is an important opportunity to be influencial in the lives of young men and women. The building could of course be named at the direction of the donor.

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The administrative units include the president's office, the business office downtown, the business office on the quadrangles, the offices of the deans of schools and colleges, and the work of records, admission, alumni contact, and public relations through the office of the Secretary of the University. These administrative functions are now scattered in eight buildings over the campus. To work harmoniously they should work together. Men with common problems should be in adjoining offices or on nearby floors. The president's office should be near those of his vice-presidents, and of business and contact officers. The president should be near his graduate and college deans. Undergraduate registration is a tangled and difficult process because of the scattered location of officers to whom undergraduates must report. On every hand are difficulties because of sheer lack of working space-no place for records, clerks, secretaries, and sometimes for university officers themselves. Space is being used for administration which was never intended or designed for that purpose to the point of handicapping other activities. For example, the first floor of Harper Library is used to considerable extent by the President's staff, thus greatly diminishing the efficiency of the building as a library.

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