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Letter from Whitley Austin to Claude Bradley regarding construction of a new building for Forsyth Library

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The Hon. Claude Bradney  
Columbus, Kansas

Dear Claude:

As I told you, when I was at Hays to go over the legislative request, I re-examined the library and came to the personal conclusion that it would be stupid to attempt to remodel it as a library, and that what Hays needed was a new, modern library.

I asked Pete to get the opinion of some professional librarians as soon as possible. He has done so, and their opinions, enclosed, coincide with mine.

Building a new library would provide a more adequate and economical structure, would permit use of the old building as a library during the construction period, and the old building can be converted almost at once into some usable classrooms. Later on, we can consider a more extensive remodeling program for it, making the entire space available for classrooms.

I am expecting you at mid-month here. Let me know your plans.

Cordially,