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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senator Gerald "Jerry" Karr

FROM: Edward H. Hammond, President *E.H.H.*

DATE: October 1, 1992

SUBJ: UNIQUE ASPECTS OF FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY'S
PHYSICAL SCIENCES BUILDING

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to your question regarding the unique aspects of the Fort Hays State University Physical Sciences Building. The facility will be unique in its capability to facilitate the use of computer simulations, two-way interactive video, computer disk technology and accessibility to mainframe and external databases. These technologies and their applications in education are unique from physical sciences buildings built in the past. The full combination of these technologies can be found today only at a handful of educational institutions in the United States.

Computers providing simulations, tutorials, and experiment monitoring will be included in physical science laboratories. Three classrooms will be specifically designed for teaching using two-way interactive video which will allow courses to be taught both on-campus and off-campus in our 48-county primary service area. These classes will have staging areas for teachers to prepare demonstrations and experiments prior to class meetings. Computer disk technologies will allow students to examine, rotate, enlarge, dissect, and label both physical objects and experiments. The building will accommodate the university's Computing Center which has become the heart of the university's Information Systems Network (ISN). This system provides the path for electronic mail and will have the capacity for transmission of voice, data, and video transmission. The Computer Center provides the primary on-campus database and facilitates linking to off-campus databases and information systems.

It is our goal, that by properly developing this building to accommodate changing communications and computer technologies, that it will be a state-of-the-art educational facility which will serve Kansas well into the 21st century. Hoping to be of further assistance, we have attached a highlighted copy of the Architectural Program for this building. I appologize for any misunderstandings or confusion regarding this building.