December 13th, 1937.

Re: Brooklyn College Project

Hon. William A. Boylan,
President,
Brooklyn College.

Dear Mr. President:

I have been informed that the W. P. A. will be receptive to additional projects submitted by the College. The building recession in the past few months has created a situation that will probably make the Federal Government desire to stimulate the building industry through the purchase of building materials.

The following W. P. A. projects are suggested in addition to our present landscaping project:

I. STADIUM - It seems to me the possibilities of a stadium on the capital outlay estimate are rather remote. There will be a tendency to consider this less essential than the auditorium or for that matter buildings in the other City Colleges.

I therefore suggest that a W. P. A. project for the construction of a stadium be formulated. The greatest difficulty in doing this lies in our lacking facilities for making the plans. The wisest procedure would be to employ our Architects for this purpose. To that end, I recommend that we ask the City to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of drawing up preliminary plans for the construction of a stadium.

The cost of the stadium, exclusive of Architects' fees, as listed in the capital outlay estimate is $250,000. A W. P. A. project for the construction of a similar structure will cost more money. Furthermore, I suggest that the stadium be modified in such a manner as to include rooms for student activities. This will also increase the cost.

II. WORK ON THE GROUNDS OF BROOKLYN COLLEGE

(a) Installation of a watering system in order that we may have facilities available to water the trees and shrubs that are being installed in case of draught.
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(b) Athletic Field - construction of tennis courts
women's hockey field
re-grading the men's athletic field
construction of hand ball courts

III. MOVING & RENOVATION OF A HISTORIC MANSION now on the grounds of Brooklyn College.

IV. CONNECTING UP ADDITIONAL WATER MAINS WITH OUR PRESENT SYSTEM

V. CONSTRUCTION OF A FIELD HOUSE

VI. CONSERVATION OF THE TREES AND SHRUBS PLANTED IN OUR PRESENT PROJECT.

I am requesting your advice regarding these matters.

Respectfully yours,

Earl A. Martin, Chairman
Building Committee, Brooklyn College