REPORT OF THE ARCHITECTS

The architectural firms engaged in the Brooklyn College work have established their offices at 140 Nassau Street. This space adjoins the space now occupied by Randolph Evans and provides approximately 1200 sq. ft. of additional space.

Furniture, equipment and supplies have been provided for 12 draftsmen and accommodation for additional men can be made on short notice. At this time six men are employed on the college work and this number will be increased considerably by the first of the following week.

Consultations have been had with Dr. Breithud and other members of the Brooklyn College faculty. The faculty, through Dr. Breithud, has furnished a great deal of data to the architects which specifies the requirements of each department in detail. The architects feel the assistance that has been rendered to them through Dr. Breithud has been very helpful, as he has a clear understanding of the college problem and is very willing and capable of contributing much to the expedition of their work. Members of the faculty have provided the architects with floor plans that illustrate arrangements and suggestions pertaining to the several departments. The work of assembling the requirements are well under way, the requirements being fitted into the proposed buildings. This work should be in a form suitable to be submitted to the faculty for their criticism at an early date.
The architects at this time are engaged in making a complete analysis of the site, the location of the buildings on the site both proposed and future. Decisions that will be made in this regard are most important and the result of this work will be submitted to the college authorities as soon as the architects themselves are satisfied that a most efficient arrangement has been attained.

Work is being done at this date, March 12th, in the offices of Randolph Evans, also in the offices of Corbett, Harrison & MacMurray. The men engaged in this work will be concentrated at 140 Nassau Street immediately.

Men are also at work on the problem in the Municipal Building in Brooklyn. This work is being done by the C W A and men provided by the Temporary Relief Emergency Administration. The architects had hoped that men employed through this Administration would be available to them in the architects offices and the architects have also looked forward to the opportunity of selecting the men that are to work on the project in so much as the salaries and expenses of these men are chargeable to the architects. We learn that it is extremely unlikely that these men will be available to us in our own offices because of certain restrictions set-up by those in authority. The architects feel that the efficiency of T E R A men will be increased if they are placed in close contact with the architects men. Several of these men in Mr. Evan's office are quite familiar with the Brooklyn College problem as they assisted in the preparation of all the work that has gone before. It may after a few days seem advisable to dispense with the services of T E R A men altogether
unless some more suitable arrangement is worked out. Mr. Petter, the architect in charge of the work being done in the Municipal Building is certainly very capable and willing to lend all the assistance that he can. We are certainly indebted to him and would enjoy having him work with us if the selection of the men and the location of their drafting tables could be controlled.

The Public Works Administration in Washington is considering the Brooklyn College project on a $5,500,000. basis. If this amount of money is appropriated for immediate construction, there will be sufficient funds for the construction of four buildings and power plant. These buildings will be the Academic, Science, Library and Gymnasium units. We hope and believe that there will be sufficient funds to provide something in the way of a General Assembly. However, we question the advisability of building anything in the way of an Auditorium that would be inadequate. More buildings than the above mentioned should be constructed as soon as possible and when these buildings are constructed, such departments as Music, Speech and Art should be placed in the buildings more suitable to their particular needs. Possibly these three departments should be combined with the Auditorium unit. We feel that if funds could be made available through the Public Works Administration at this time, so that the additional buildings that are needed could progress along with the first unit, our plans would be made more efficient. For example, the cafeteria, which will accommodate a thousand or more students at one sitting, should be removed from the Academic building and placed in the future Administration building. If this building could be designed and funds appropriated for its construction at this time, space now assigned to the cafeteria
would be very useful to the Academic building and would give us a better plan.

The architects feel that such buildings as the Auditorium, Stadium and the Administration building are needed and must be provided at an early date and that the architecture of these buildings should be such that they bear a direct relationship and tie in architecturally with the gymnasium and that work should be done by the architects at this time. An application for additional funds should be made as soon as possible and architects should arrive at some arrangement whereby this work can be expedited. Several additional designers must be assigned to this part of the work in order that we serve the best interests of all concerned.

The architects can report to the Board of Higher Education that progress has been made in the last three weeks, both in the assigning of space to the several departments and in the conservation of space on the site. Everything is being done in the interest of expedition. Engineers will start to work soon. Work is being lined up so that this can commence. We hope to have illustrations and suggestions to submit to the college authorities in due time.

Respectfully submitted,

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