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Copy sent Dr. Patton

7th November, 1924

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Messrs. Joseph and Joseph,
Francis Building,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sirs:

We beg to acknowledge your letter of November 4th as well as the diagram showing the proposed location for the new building at the Morehead State Normal School.

From your diagram it appears that the building has been moved 30 feet or so further from Hodson Hall than was shown on our preliminary study, has been moved down hill at least 40 feet from the location we suggested and has been oriented parallel to Hodson Hall rather than parallel to the location we proposed.

Without knowing more about what influenced the selection of this new location we naturally hesitate to criticize it. On the other hand there are several points which we feel may not have been given due consideration.

We see no objection to putting the building a little further from Hodson Hall than we proposed, although this will tend to cramp the available space for men's dormitories further east.

The movement down hill, however, as well as the change in orientation, will necessitate quite a different arrangement of the building, roads and open spaces from that suggested on our preliminary layout plan. It will crowd the main drive in front and further down the hill, leaving the space in front of the building much less and appreciably less effective as a foreground. It will leave more space above the building which is of

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little practical use and of little value from the point of view of appearances. We feel rather strongly that the location higher up the hill, approximately as we have shown, would be distinctly better than the one you have indicated unless there is some good reason to the contrary which we do not see.

The relation of this building to the outlook over the valley, especially to the southeast, is perhaps not of controlling importance. Nevertheless it is a consideration in the selection of the site. The higher location we proposed and the orientation we proposed both would relate this new building appreciably better to this outlook than the location you have indicated.

We hope it is not too late to give this matter further consideration. Also, if it is agreeable to you, we should like very much to see the basement and first floor plans of your building as well as the four elevations, in order that we may consider the grades about the building and the general treatment of its approaches and surroundings. Our service as landscape architects ~~will~~ will be much more valuable to the Normal School if we can have an opportunity to consider these questions and submit our advice and recommendations before the matters of floor grades, location and treatment of approaches are definitely settled.

Very truly yours,

P.S. We are sending a copy of this letter to President Button; also copy of the enclosed blueprint of a portion of plan 7304-11, on which we have drawn in red the building location you have indicated and in yellow the same building located as we had indicated it.

Enclosure--
print of 7304-11 ✓