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SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

28 September 1972

A. A. Ramsey & Son, Inc.
P. O. Box 1249
Shelby, N. C. 28150

Re: Webb Administration Building, Gardner-Webb College
Boiling Springs, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

This is to inform you that, at the request of Mr. White, of Cherryville Products, we have examined Thermal Air-Seal Windows by Binswanger and have accepted these windows for use in the Webb Building instead of the Arma-Seal Windows specified. This change is made because of better delivery from Binswanger. Depth, inside of frame, still to be 5 1/4". All wood to be toxic and water repellent treated.

I have discussed wood studs with Mr. Hoyle of Cleveland Lumber Co. He advises the use of "Construction Grade or Better" Spruce or Lodge-Pole Pine. Studs would be 9'-0" long for the First Floor and 8'-5" long for the Second Floor. With 2 top plates and bottom plate, wall would be 9'-5" high, on the First Floor, for a 9'-3" high suspended ceiling and 8'-10" high, on the Second Floor, for an 8'-7" high suspended ceiling. Note that 2nd Floor ceiling will be lower than 9'-1 1/4" originally shown, to allow 6" to bottom of wood trusses for installing recessed light fixtures. See pages G-30 and 31 for partitions as originally specified. Note steel studs, 1/2" sheetrock and Hi-Lo screws. Estimate the credit for using wood studs, as above, and 1/2" sheetrock, fastened with special nails which will not work loose.

See under Masonry, on page G-13, that bonding block was required for alternate block courses, to bond with oversize face brick every fifth brick course and that it would be necessary to field saw all bonding block to receive the oversize brick. This was done on the original building. The Fire Marshal has now approved the use of Dur-O-Wall, for each second block course, in lieu of the sawn bonding block, provided that all wire, of the Dur-O-Wall, is galvanized and at least 3/16" in diameter. This makes the masonry work considerably easier than specified. Please give us your estimate of a fair credit on this item.

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After the footings were poured, your son and I measured from finish floor line to top of concrete, at all footings. At your convenience, I would like to compare our estimates for the additional 12" concrete blocks required by the deeper foundation, caused by the discovery of softer soil while excavating. We will need also to estimate the additional excavation.

Mr. Johnson has promised several times to write a letter on the proposed credits for changes in his Sub-Contract. Please remind him that we want this data at earliest convenience.

The Telephone Company, in Gastonia, still has not informed us of the necessary provisions for telephone equipment. We will not be able to pour the concrete in the Foyer, Area 101, nor in the Office, Area 123, until the telephone conduit is in. We are writing Mr. Tate again about this. We have instructed Mr. White, of Cherryville Products, not to make any drawings of cabinets for a while. The Telephone-Information Desk will be different, as the wood partition, in which it was shown, will be eliminated, to make room for a large mural, the full width of the 8" block wall back of the desk. We will prepare a drawing, of this change and give details on the desk. Other cabinets will also be discussed with the College for possible minor changes.

Yours very truly,

Thomas W. Cothran

TWC:kj

CC: Dr. Poston ✓
Mr. Spangler