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FRED VAN WAGENINGEN, A. I. A.  
THOMAS W. COTHRAN, A. I. A.

# ARCHITECTS

SHELBY, NORTH CAROLINA

17 June 1974

*file*  
A. A. Ramsey & Son, Inc.  
P. O. Box 1456  
Shelby, North Carolina 28150

Re: Webb Administration Building  
Gardner-Webb College

Dear Mr. Ramsey:

We are inclosing 3 copies of Change Order No. 1 covering all changes made in your Contract. Please sign and return all 3 copies to our office. We will forward to the College for signature and then send you your file copy.

We will attach a copy of your 15 May 74 List of Revised Extras, 1 November 73 List of Extras, our 24 May 74 letter, Taylor O. Johnsons 26 Sept 72 letter and your 3 December 73 letter to the original of the Change Order for the College file. Your office and our office have copies of all of these.

According to our file your final adjusted Contract is \$218,845.50. See Change Order. Total of payments made to your company to date is \$216,513.92, leaving a balance of \$2,331.58 still due. The last payment to your company was \$25,000, in accordance with our 21 December 74 Certificate No. 13. If this does not agree with your records please let us know within the next few days.

Please refer to our 24 May 74 letter, to all Check Lists and correspondence. Let us know when all matters have been attended to so that final payment can be approved.

We received your 14 June 74 letter this morning and note that you sent Dr. Poston and Mr. Spangler a copy. The Change Order was already typed. It is agreeable with us to reduce the credit on the block work from \$500.00 to \$150.00 as you used the heavy duty Dur-O-Wall. We did get a price on furnishing and cutting bonding block as you declined to discuss a credit on this item when we met in December in Mr. Mack's office. Do not change any item in the Change Order. I will discuss the above and any other points with Mr. Mack and correct the Change Order by letter, if he agrees.

You are right about the "black water closet". We have never received a statement for any additional charge on this. However, we did order a black lavatory and fittings, for a total

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cost of \$131.14. This "special handling" item was paid for directly, by the College, to Venetian Marble Products Company of Greenville. See your copy of our 8 May 73 letter to your Plumbing Sub-Contractor with regard to omitting the white lavatory originally specified. It does seem that the cost of the original lavatory and fittings should at least offset any additional charge for change in color of the water closet. Incidentally, the Plumber damaged the expensive wall paper back of the water closet in making installation. We have not made an issue of this as we understand your difficulty in completing his work after he became bankrupt.

With regard to the small charges which we disallowed in the 24 May 74 letter. We assure you that this was not done, as you think, "to make the Architect happy". See your 14 June 74 letter. When we note anything that appears to be an error, I feel that it is my duty to do something about it. I will equally look after the interests of both Owner and Contractor.

The defective floor tile on the landing has not been exaggerated, as you say, "out of proportion". This is simply one of the defects brought to your attention verbally, by letter and by Check List as no action was taken over a period of many months.

We readily agree that, on the whole, you have done an excellent job with this building and have said so before. We agree that there were many special conditions because of the many changes. Our work was also difficult. However, we know, and you do too, that this building, tho small, was highly personal. We are glad that we have pleased Dr. Poston and those who work in this building. It is a creditable addition to the College, as it should be. This building is the most prominent, on the campus, as it is the first building seen on approach. It will also be visited by more persons than any other building.

There has been very little profit in this undertaking for the Contractor or the Architect. However, we have enjoyed our work in pleasing others and appreciate the opportunity to serve.

Yours very truly,

Thomas W. Cothran

TWC:kj

CC: Dr. Poston ✓  
Mr. Spangler

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NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28658

May 29, 1974

Thomas W. Cothran A.I.A.  
P.O. Box 1317  
Shelby, NC 28150

Re: Webb Administration Building, Gardner-Webb College  
Boiling Springs, NC

Dear Mr. Cothran:

We have not been back because we were waiting for a breaker ordered to replace a faulty one in the Student Center to arrive, so that we could complete the job in one trip.

In contacting the factory we have learned, that it may be 3-4 weeks before the breaker will be received. Therefore, we will come in the next few days to complete the adjustments referred to in your letter of May 24, 1974.

Sincerely yours,

CALDWELL ELECTRIC CO., INC.

*Bernard Caldwell*  
Bernard Caldwell

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