

August 9, 1962

Division of Building Construction  
38 Chauncy St.  
Boston, Mass.

Re: Project E-63-7R  
Library Building Including  
Classrooms and Laboratory  
State College at Framingham

Atten: Mr. Cusack

Gentlemen:

There are four sites under consideration for the subject project. These were inspected by our office during a visit to the College on Monday, July 23, 1962. They are as follows:

- Site 1      The land on the North side of the hill, to the North of the Town of Framingham standpipe.
- Site 2      The land beginning on a line between the old Power Plant and the North end of Dwight Hall; and extending northward to the top of the hill.
- Site 3      The land bordered by Dwight Hall on the North, the dormitory building to the West, and extending to the property lines to the South and East.
- Site 4      The land between May Hall and the new Home Economics and Science Building and extending eastward to the top of the hill.

In choosing the site for this project, there are several considerations to consider:

1. The position of the building in relation to the overall esthetics of the campus.
2. The location in regard to ease of access by pedestrian and automobile.
3. The location in regard to utilities.



We feel that Site #2, as described above is the best location for the subject building. This site would place the building in a central location, adjacent to the existing academic buildings, and on student pedestrian avenues from the dormitory buildings to the academic buildings and the Student Union. The building on this site would also complete a suitably impressive entrance courtyard for the College formed in part now by the Administration Building, the Dormitories, Crocker Hall and May Hall. We feel that the Library as a generator of fairly continuous student activity would be ideally suited to this complex.

This area is easily accessible to automobile traffic. Site #2 is also highly advantageous due to its proximity to the new Power Plant and utility lines.

We feel that site #1 is ill suited for the Library Building due to its inaccessibility by automobile traffic and its poor relation to student pedestrian traffic.

Site #3 is accessible to automobile traffic but is poorly related to the remainder of the College for a building of this type.

We do not recommend Site #4 due to its small size and to the fact that a building of this size would seriously impair the Architectural harmony of State St., presenting a very cramped and cluttered appearance.

Very truly yours,

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