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Eureka College

Chartered 1855

December 22, 1987

Office of the President

Mr. Fred Ryan
Director of Private Sector Initiatives
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This is to follow up on my request for a meeting with the President on behalf of the officers of the Board of Trustees of Eureka College. Attending such a meeting would be Chairman G. Raymond Becker, Vice-Chairman John Bearce, Treasurer Burrus Dickinson, and myself.

In their spring meeting last May, the Trustees gave preliminary approval to establishing a capital campaign for Eureka College, extending over the next five years. The Executive Committee was authorized to review needs and establish goals for such a campaign. At the meeting in October, the Executive Committee reported back to the Board with a recommendation for a campaign for \$24,000,000 with the following specific ingredients:

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- 5) Campaign expense - \$400,000

The Trustees named Messrs. Becker, Bearce, and Dickinson to serve as general Co-Chairmen of the campaign. They are now intensely involved in establishing campaign leadership, and will devote the 1988 year to personal contacts and solicitation of major gift candidates. No public announcement of the campaign is anticipated prior to February, 1989.

It is important that we have the opportunity to present this information to the President, both because of his general and continuing interest in Eureka College, and because of specific items related to him. Those items are:

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An additional \$2.5 million in endowment to "fully" fund the Reagan Scholarship Program is being sought.

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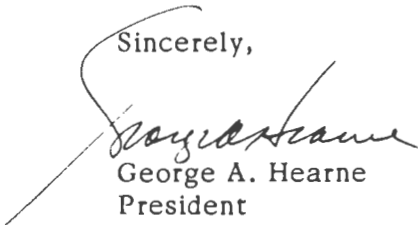
- 3) Endowment to underwrite the operations of the museum and conference center

\$1.5 million in endowment is being sought, which will provide investment income to underwrite the operations of this new facility.

The Trustees have been aware throughout their planning that the President does not desire to have an expensive or elaborate museum built for him on the Eureka campus. His desires have been carefully pursued in the planning of this facility. It will be a part of the basic campus, will fit into the architecture of the campus, and will provide a badly needed asset in programmatic usage.

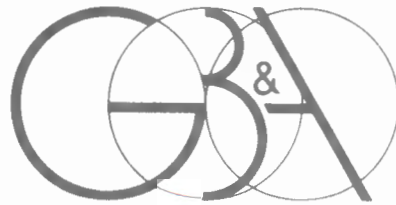
It is important that we have the opportunity to discuss this with him, and Chairman Becker and I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about this in more detail. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



George A. Hearne
President

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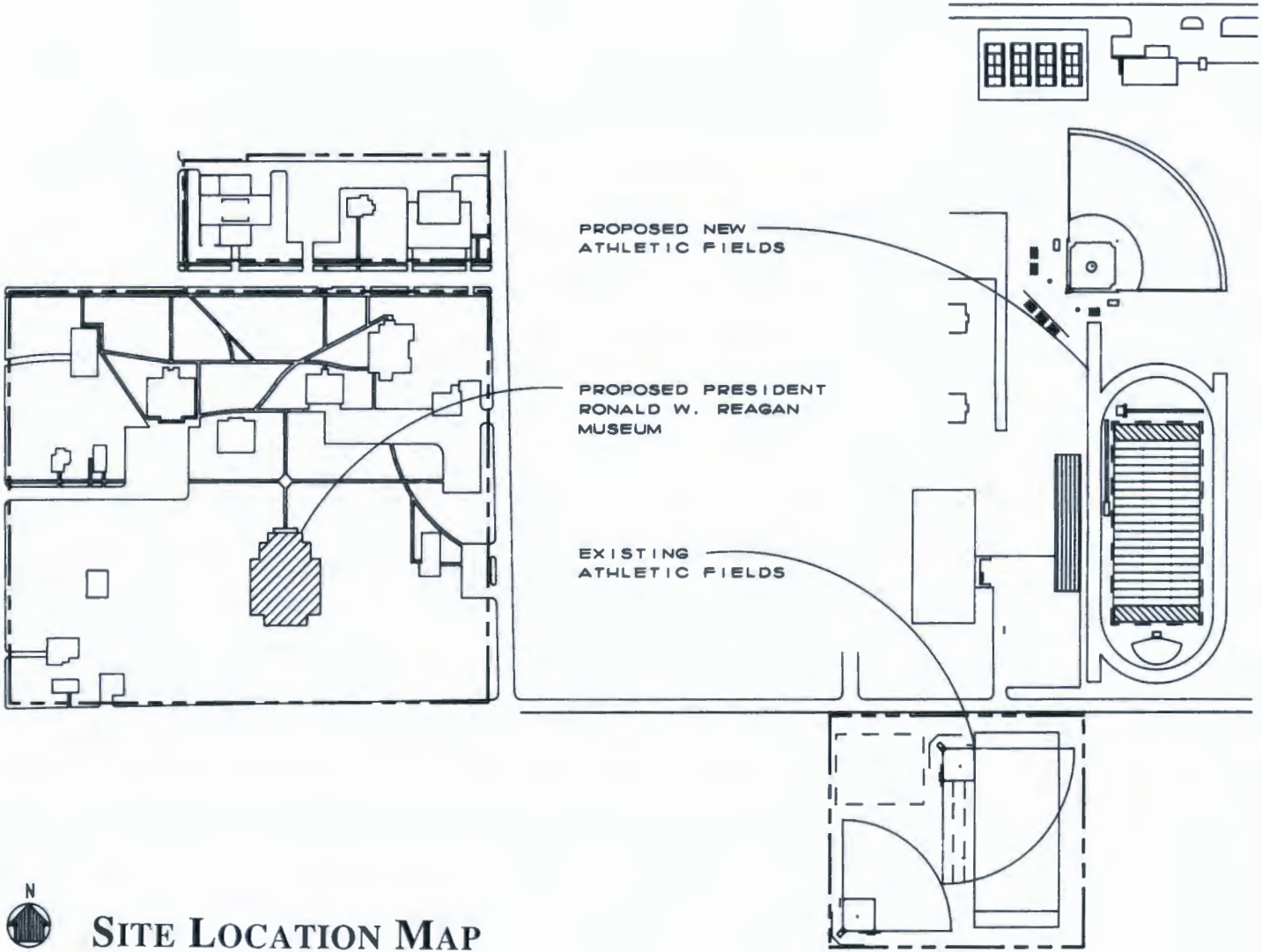
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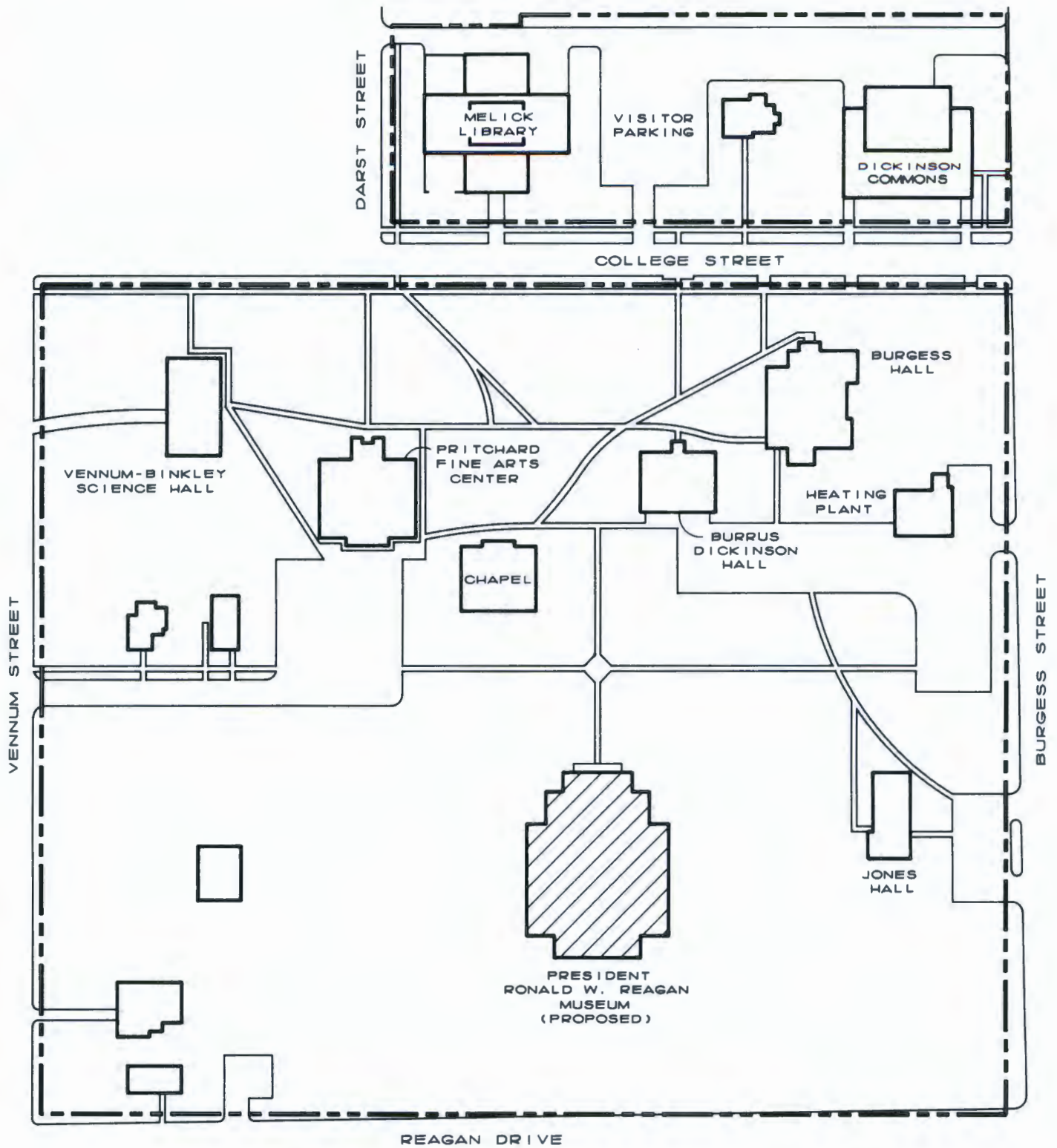
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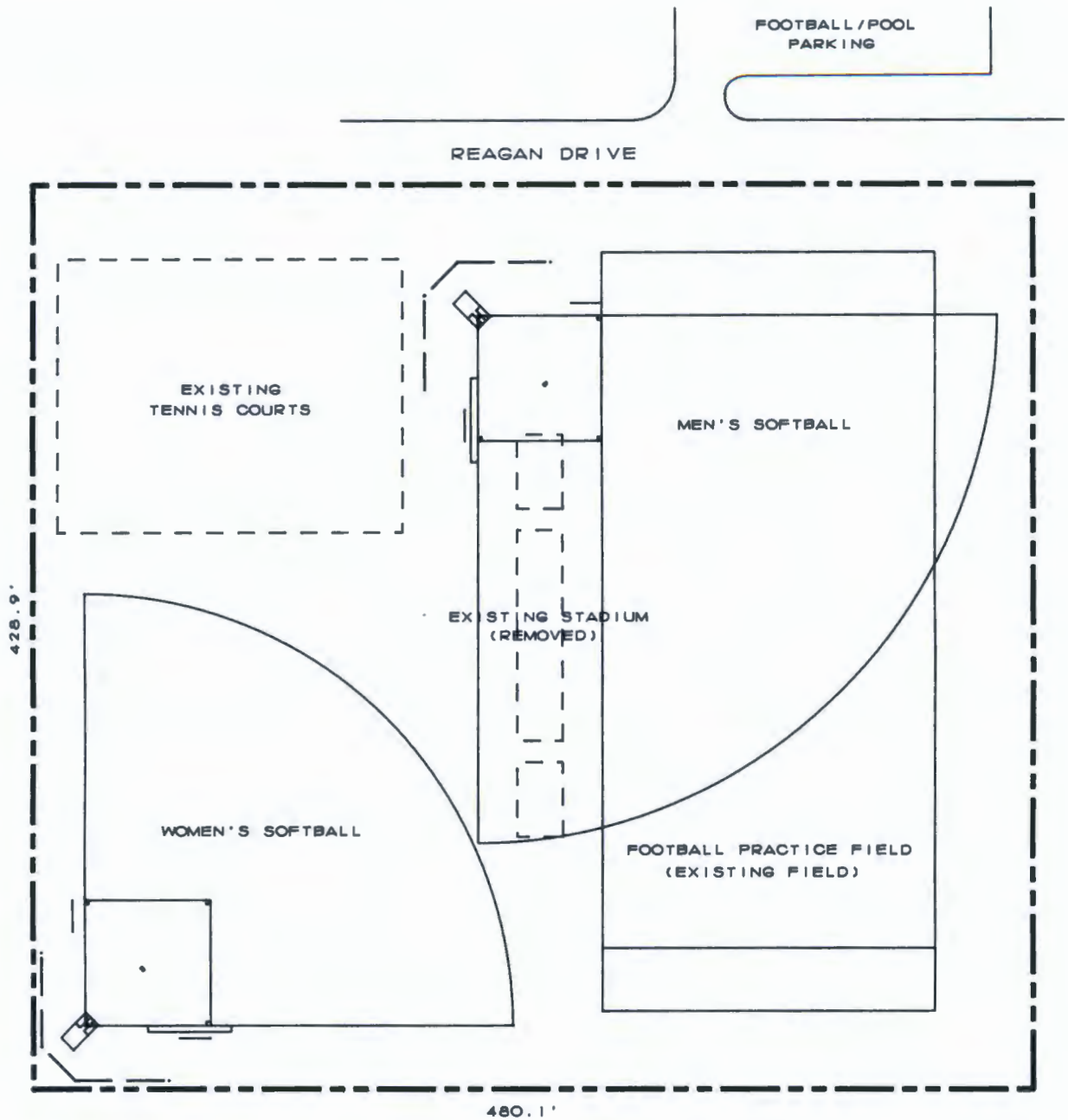
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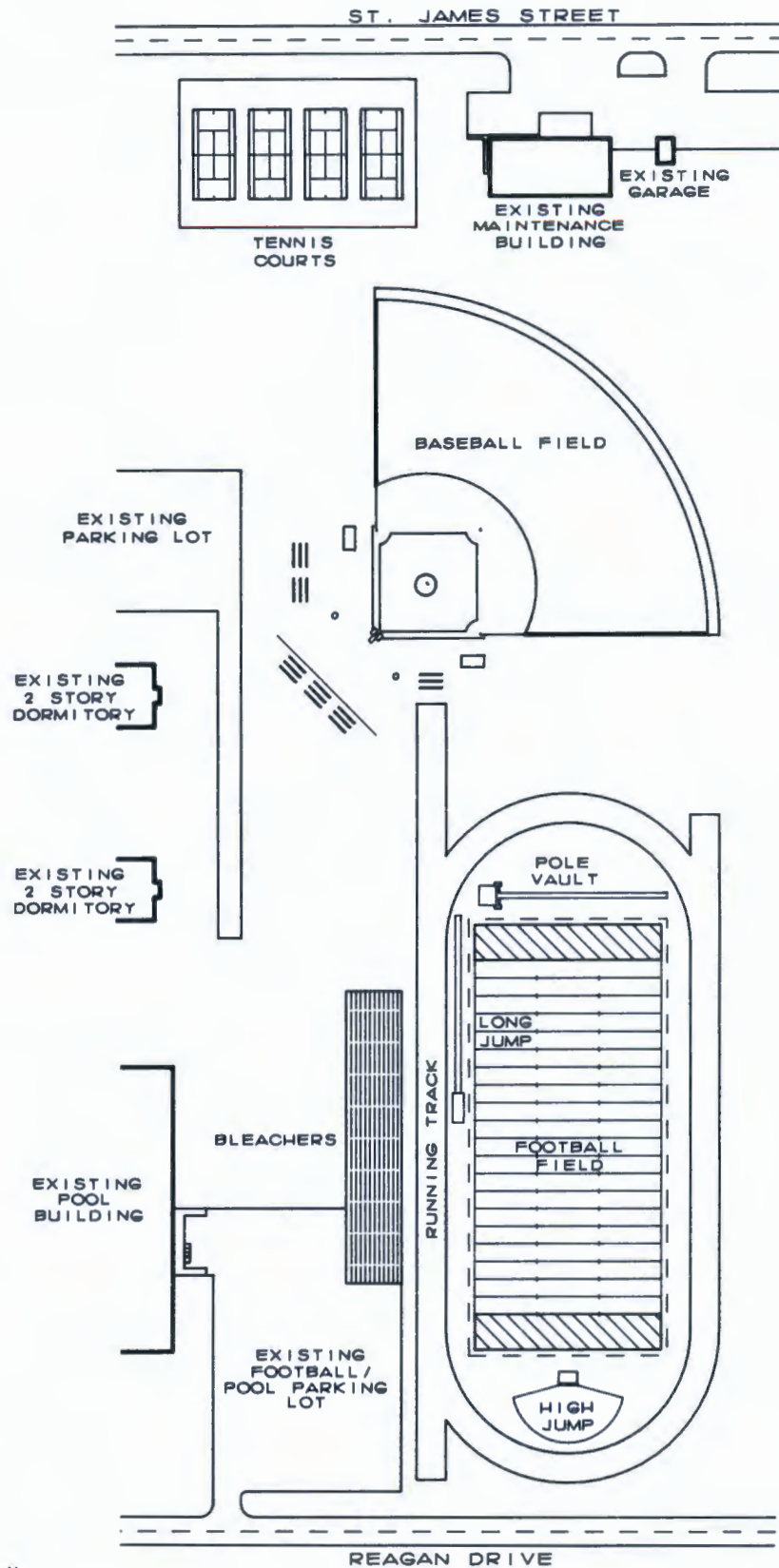
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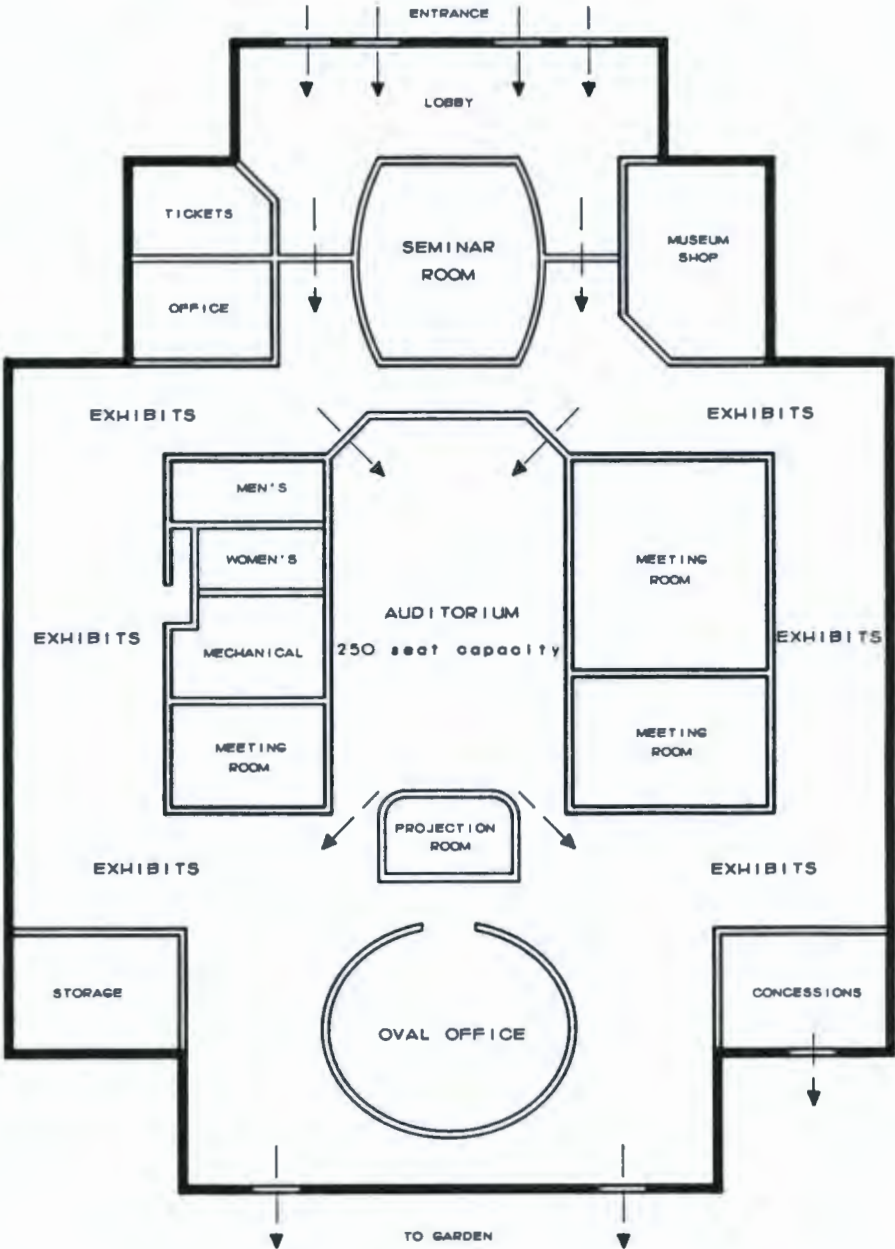
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PROPOSED NEW ATHLETIC FIELDS



PRESIDENT RONALD W. REAGAN MUSEUM
EUREKA COLLEGE
EUREKA, ILLINOIS



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Anne:

As I told you yesterday, I know that Chris Cox and John Hilboldt have been working on the Eureka matter. Also, I believe that Chris may have something prepared to send to them and, therefore, I suggest that Fred coordinate with Counsel's office before sending a letter from the President.

charley shepherd

Warm RR letter

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

JAN 26 1988

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SCHEDULING
OFFICE

Date: January 26, 1988

TO: FRED RYAN

FROM KATHERINE D. LADD *KDL*
Special Assistant to the President
and Director of
White House Secretariat

Attached are edits received from the Counsel's Office to the proposed Presidential letter re Eureka College. Once the letter has been revised, we can send it forward to the President.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 25, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR RHETT B. DAWSON
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR OPERATIONS

FROM: ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Presidential Letter to Eureka College
Re: Museum and Conference Center

Pursuant to your staffing memorandum of January 25, 1988, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced letter. Subject to the minor edits noted directly on the draft of that letter, Counsel's Office has no objection to having the President sign this letter.

Attachment

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1988

*the participants
in that program*

Dear George:

the Board of Trustees

five-year

for Eureka College.

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Mr. George A. Hearne
President
Eureka College
300 East College Avenue
Eureka, Illinois 61530

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 26, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

FREDERICK J. RYAN, JR. *FRJ*

SUBJECT:

Eureka College

Over the past several years, you have sent memorabilia and mementos of your Administration to Eureka College.

Your guidance to them has always been that you did not want a special museum or facility built to house those items. They are currently on display in the school library and display cases on the campus.

They have now proposed that a \$5 million museum and conference center be built on campus to house these and other items which they would seek to obtain. The museum would also include a replica of the Oval Office.

This proposed complex is far in excess of the guidance you have given them and fundraising efforts could conflict with those of your Library. Further, in light of the previous budgetary problems that Eureka College experienced, it may be more prudent for them to devote their financial resources toward a stronger school endowment fund.

RECOMMENDATION

That you sign the attached letter indicating that you are appreciative of their proposal, but feel that they should continue with their current displays in their student library.

Approve _____

Disapprove _____

Other _____

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Charlie -

Here's my version. I
appreciate your assistance.

Anne

ANNE M. KELLY
Associate Director
Private Sector Initiatives
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1988



TO: FRED RYAN

FROM RHETT B. DAWSON
Assistant to the President
for Operations

I understand the President spoke to you about this earlier today. I will await the revised final letter for the President's signature.



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1988

for Eureka College
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 29, 1988

MR. PRESIDENT:

Attached for your signature
is your letter to George
Hearne, which you had
edited yesterday afternoon.
All your changes have
been made.



Rhett Dawson

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 29, 1988

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Ronald Reagan

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Anne Kelly

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Eureka, Illinois 61530

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April 14, 1988

Office of the President

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President/Ron:

In this letter I would like to update you on the capital plans of the College,
and to seek your assistance on several items.

RE: Memorabilia Exhibit

We have accepted your counsel and have abandoned plans to construct a museum and conference center. However, there were items in that facility that are badly needed (auditorium, seminar rooms, meeting rooms). We also do need a more adequate space than exists in the library to exhibit the memorabilia which we already have and which we are now receiving from you from your days in Washington. Our answer has been to combine those elements with a second facility that was a part of our long-range plan - a campus center. This gives us one new building rather than two, and will meet many of the needs we have without the extra cost of a museum.

It is our intention to note that the "Ronald Reagan Exhibit" is housed in this new campus center, but we will make no reference to a museum, and obviously will not seek to construct an oval office, rose garden, etc.

RE: Washington Dinner

Eureka College would like to host a "thank you and farewell" dinner for you and Nancy in Washington this fall, with proceeds going to the Ronald Reagan Scholarship Program. This would be similar in some respects to the Willard Event, but our hope would be to hold it in a larger facility where more could attend. Obviously, the success of such an event would depend on the availability of you and Nancy, and on timing which would make it attractive to many people there in Washington. Please advise me on your availability and your recommendations regarding this.

RE: Campus Visit

Eureka College would, of course, be proud to have you visit the campus once more before, or shortly after, the completion of your term. That would give us an opportunity here to celebrate your outstanding service to our nation and the world, and your special place among those who love Eureka. It would also provide an opportunity for us to award the honorary degree to Nancy which has already been approved by our faculty and Trustees.

NO

Consider

President Ronald W. Reagan
April 14, 1988
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RE: Hasib Sabbagh

I have a special request regarding Trustee Hasib Sabbagh and his daughter, Sana. Mr. Sabbagh has been a Trustee for four years, and, as you know, a strong supporter of the College and the Reagan Scholarship Program. He has been anxious to have the opportunity to meet you at the White House, but this is something we have not been able to arrange. His daughter is a permanent resident, who will soon be seeking citizenship in the United States. She is also an active supporter of the College, and has been helpful in our discussions on international study.

*Council's
office*

I would like to request an appointment for me to bring Mr. Sabbagh and Sana to the White House for a brief meeting with you. In the past, this request has not been cleared, but neither I nor Mr. Sabbagh know why. Apparently, he is consulted on occasion by members of the State Department. Miss Sabbagh has attended a reception at the White House for those who supported the renovation of the Blair House. Why we have been unable to arrange contact for one who serves Eureka College so well is hard for them or me to understand.

Hasib

Date of Birth: 1920
Place of Birth: Maragouan, Lebanon
Current Residence: Athens, Greece

Sana

Date of Birth: 12/20/60
Place of Birth: Beirut, Lebanon
Current Residence: New York, NY
SSN: 316-80-7957

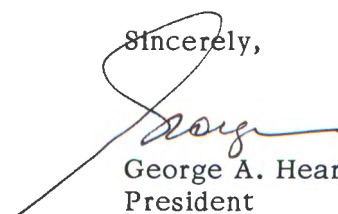
RE: Report to You

If there is a convenient time in the near future, I would like to meet with you, along with Chairman Becker and the co-chairs of our Capital Campaign, to let you know the directions in which the Trustees are moving, and to get your opinion and advice as we move ahead in our efforts to maintain and improve the strong contributions made by Eureka College to this society.

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letters*

I am grateful to you for your continued strong leadership on behalf of our country and the world, and I am grateful for the special affection which you continue to show for Eureka College. It is my hope that we can move ahead on the items listed above as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,


George A. Hearne
President

GAH:jp

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May 17, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR A.B. CULVAHOUSE

FROM: ANNE KELLY
Associate Director
Private Sector Initiatives

SUBJECT: HASIB SABBAGH

We have received a request from George Hearne, President of Eureka College, the President's alma mater, for an appointment with one of their Board of Trustees: Hasib Sabbagh. Mr. Sabbagh is the only person on their board who is not an American citizen, and has been excluded from Presidential functions involving the Eureka Board of Trustees in the past. As Mr. Sabbagh has been extremely active on behalf of both the college and the Ronald Reagan Scholars program, President Hearne is again placing the request.

I have checked our files, and it is not clear whether past actions were just cautious moves taken in this area, or whether there was a particular problem with Mr. Sabbagh.

I would appreciate receiving your advice on whether such an appointment would be possible and if not, what response we could provide to President Hearne.

Thank you.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 9, 1988

MEMORANDUM FOR ANNE M. KELLY
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
PRIVATE SECTOR INITIATIVES

FROM: ARTHUR B. CULVAHOUSE, JR.
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Appointment with the President for Hasib Sabbagh,
Member of Board of Trustees of Eureka College

Pursuant to your request, Counsel's Office has reviewed the above-referenced request for an appointment with the President. For the reasons noted below, Counsel's office recommends that Mr. Sabbagh's request to meet with the President be denied.

As you know, we are careful to limit Presidential involvement with even domestic donors to entities, such as Eureka College, with which the President is closely associated in the minds of the public -- for example, we keep the identities of those who donate money from the President. We are even more careful to limit any Presidential or White House involvement with foreign donors. Members of the public are naturally more suspicious of funding from foreign sources. Not only are they less familiar with those sources, but because they often identify foreign nationals with their governments, they have more serious concerns about the type of influence these individuals may be attempting to exert on the President. In situations like this one, these concerns are exacerbated by the absence of the more obvious motives often attributed to U.S. donors to colleges (e.g., concern for the quality of U.S. education, or gratitude for the education they or their children have received).

Please be aware that the National Security Council staff shares the view of Counsel's office that this request should be denied. In the event that a decision to allow Mr. Sabbagh to meet with the President is likely despite our advice, we strongly urge that our office and NSC staff be consulted before a decision to provide Mr. Sabbagh with such a meeting is made final.

August 17, 1988

Office of the President

President Ronald W. Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President/Ron:

Dr. Rolf Craft, Director of the Reagan Scholarship Program, has told me of his visit with you, along with some of the Reagan Scholars. I want to thank you again for your continued hospitality to the scholars, and your enthusiasm for the scholarship program and Eureka College. I know how much they appreciated the time and attention that you were able to give to them.

Dr. Craft told me of your concern about any possible reactions I, or others here, may have had to your feelings about a "museum" at Eureka. His report led me to worry that you had not seen my letter of April 14, which was submitted to you via Fred Ryan. That concerns me, because I understood through Fred's office that this had been given to you and discussed with you.

In that letter, I noted that the Trustees received with appreciation your comments regarding the proposed museum. That proposal was abandoned in accord with your request. We do need a more appropriate area to exhibit the memorabilia which you have sent and are sending, but have included that merely as one room in our plans for a Campus Center. The Center will also include badly needed space for student services, conference facilities, and an auditorium, and will free Burgess Hall for development of additional classrooms.

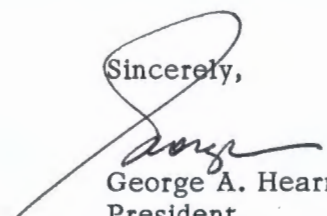
I totally understand your concerns about our previous plans. Both I and the Trustees appreciate your desire to focus on the museum in California, as well as your desire to retain the essential qualities of Eureka College which you have appreciated so long. The direction we are moving is appropriate for the College and is in support of your suggestions.

I watched with mixed emotions your address to the Republican Convention. The tribute was both thrilling and well deserved - for both you and Nancy. Your alma mater is extremely proud and grateful for all that you have given to your country and to the world in these past 7½ years - and for what you will yet accomplish before this term ends.

You have an enthusiastic invitation to return to the campus "neath the Elms" whenever that is possible. I still look forward to presenting the honorary degree to Nancy, on behalf of our faculty and Trustees.

With my very best wishes.

Sincerely,



George A. Hearne
President

GAH:jp

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

TO: *Fred Ryan*

FROM: KATHY OSBORNE

DATE: 9-9

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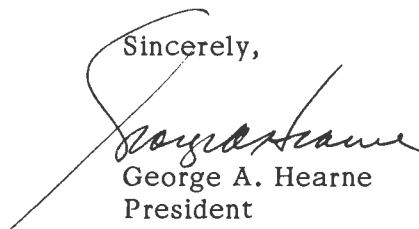
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\$1.5 million in endowment is being sought, which will provide investment income to underwrite the operations of this new facility.

The Trustees have been aware throughout their planning that the President does not desire to have an expensive or elaborate museum built for him on the Eureka campus. His desires have been carefully pursued in the planning of this facility. It will be a part of the basic campus, will fit into the architecture of the campus, and will provide a badly needed asset in programmatic usage.

It is important that we have the opportunity to discuss this with him, and Chairman Becker and I appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about this in more detail. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



George A. Hearne
President

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 27, 1988

Dear George:

Fred Ryan has briefed me on his recent meeting with you and on the Board of Trustees' plans for a five-year capital campaign for Eureka College. I am pleased to know that the school is in excellent financial shape and is planning for the future.

I would also like to note how encouraged I am by the success of the Reagan Scholars Program. When I met the participants in that program last Spring, I was heartened to see that such fine leaders were being prepared for their roles as citizens and caretakers of our precious freedoms. Eureka College should be proud of its role in nurturing the spirit of those young people and helping them to reach their full potential.

While I am touched and flattered by your proposal to build a new conference center bearing my name, I would still prefer something on a much smaller scale in an already existing facility. I hope you will continue with the library exhibit idea that we have discussed in the past.

Meanwhile, I am deeply grateful for your dedication to an institution so dear to my heart. Thanks for all you have done and continue to do for me and for Eureka.

Sincerely,

Mr. George A. Hearne
President
Eureka College
300 East College Avenue
Eureka, Illinois 61530

September 19, 1988

Dear George:

B. Apt 17.
Thank you for your recent letter. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting with the newest group of Reagan Scholars last June. Over and over again, I am impressed with caliber of students Eureka is able to attract.

I appreciate the thoughts you have expressed over expansion plans for the College. As I have mentioned to you before, my main concern was that we not get in over our heads, and that the College remain in its strong financial shape. Your modified plans seem quite appropriate.

I have been kept informed of your plans for Eureka.
~~Fred Ryan and his staff all along have kept me well-informed on all Eureka matters. Please feel free to continue to write me with your thoughts.~~

Sincerely,

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Good. I follow them with interest