December 20, 1928

My dear Major Christian:

Thank you for the twenty copies of the invitation to the ground-breaking exercises of the 124th Field Artillery Armory which I have been very glad to distribute within the University. I have accepted an invitation from Colonel Hammond to be present and have noted the appointment on my calendar.

I very much hope that when the Armory is completed the arrangements will prove most advantageous to our R, O. T. C. Unit.

Yours cordially

FREDERIC WOODWARD

Acting President

Major T. J. J. Christian
Faculty Exchange
Thank you for the council.

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Mr. Frederick O. Woodward,
University of Chicago,
Facility Exchange.

My Dear Mr. Woodward:

I have recently been in touch with the officers of the 124th Field Artillery in connection with the ground breaking ceremony of their new Armory in Washington Park, which takes place Saturday, January 5th, 1929. The Military Department is cooperating with the ceremony, as we are vitally interested in the new Armory.

I am enclosing under separate cover 20 invitations to the exercises which will be attended by many prominent officials, including Governor Small and General Keehn. I thought you might desire to distribute these invitations within the University or Board of Trustees.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

T.J. J. Christian,
Major, F.A. (D.C.)
F.M.S. & T.

This Armory should be completed by the Spring of 1930, according to my latest advice.
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO ATTEND THE

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY

OF THE

124th FIELD ARTILLERY
MEMORIAL ARMORY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1929
AT 2:00 P. M.

WASHINGTON PARK
on Cottage Grove Avenue between 52nd and 53rd Sts.
CHICAGO

THOS. S. HAMMOND
Colonel, Commanding 124th F. A.

PROGRAM INSIDE
YOU ARE HEREBY INVITED
TO ATTEND THE
GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY
OF THE NEW MENUHIN ARMS
MEMORIAL ARMORY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH
AT 3:00 P.M.

WELSHINGTON PARK
in Central Park, Chicago. Please arrive promptly at 3:00 P.M.
Program

SALUTE FOR THE GOVERNOR
Speakers Conducted to Platform by Col. Thos. S. Hammond

INVOCATION
Capt. J. C. Campbell, Chaplain, 124th F. A.

Addresses by:

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Representing Greater South Side Chamber of Commerce

MICHAEL L. IGOE
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SENATOR ROY C. WOODS
Representing Illinois General Assembly

MAJOR GEN. ROY D. KEEHN
Commanding 33rd Division

HON. LEN SMALL
Governor of Illinois

GROUND BREAKING
Governor Len Small

NATIONAL ANTHEM
124th Field Artillery Band
124th FIELD ARTILLERY MEMORIAL ARMORY
Washington Park - Chicago

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY  SATURDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1929
April 4, 1927

Memorandum to Mr. Haynes:

Subject: ARMORY

Major Barrows and I had luncheon today with Colonel Nobel B. Judah. We told him of the necessity of an armory building and showed him projected plans. We discussed the situation in detail. John Holabird, who drew the plans and who is also much interested in national defense, joined us.

Colonel Judah said he would think the whole situation over, with a view to finding a donor or a set of donors for the building. His first thought was Mrs. Charles Pike who was a daughter of Secretary Alger, and who is at present out of the city. He said that we could rely upon him, and the whole of the latter part of the conversation was based on the assumption that he was taking the initiative in the matter.

I explained the other needs of the University and said that we would not like to see a wide spread method used to promote it. We should get in touch with him sometime in May, if we do not hear from him.

Max Mason

Mr. Rowland Haynes
Faculty Exchange
Feb. 9, 1927

Mr. Masons
R. Haynes

Suggestion of Armory location near the University

Mr. Fairweather under date of January 27, 1927, suggests the possible moving of the First Regiment Illinois National Guard Armory to a relocation near the University, possibly at the corner of Sixtieth and Cottage Grove Avenue. Checking the matter over with Major Barrows this morning he suggests that if a National Guard Armory is to be placed near the University it would be more advantageous to have a field artillery armory than an infantry armory since the University unit is an artillery unit. He says that Colonel Hammond of the 124th Field Artillery, whose present armory is now located on the West Side near the White Sox ball field spoke to him two years ago about location of their armory near the University. It seems that if any armory built by state funds is to be located on property loaned by the University this would be preferable to the infantry armory suggested in Mr. Fairweather's letter.

Major Barrows points out the following advantages of an armory built on contributed funds and under complete control of the University.

1. Such an armory would be free from administrative difficulties which might arise in the conflicts of control by the University, by the federal government, and by the state authorities.

2. Such an armory if built specifically for the University could have certain additional features of value to the University. He suggests gymnasium, riding quarters, bowling alleys and similar activities for the University faculties.

3. If the unit should eventually be abandoned here at the University the making over of the use of the building for other purposes of the University would be easier than if we were tied up with a permanent proposition with the state authorities through the State Guard Armory.

Next Step:

Conference between the President and such advisors as he may select to determine the following questions.

1. Is it better to get this armory built by state funds through a joint arrangement with some unit of the National Guard of the state, or on private funds?

2. In either case where does the importance of the project place it in the money raising program?
Suggestion of Action for Tertiary Education Near the University

R. Haynes

In the framework under gate of University, there is a possibility of creating a new gate for the University, based on the entrance of the site. It is suggested to have a more modern and efficient approach to the entrance, with better lighting and signage.

1. Proposal for the Tertiary Education Colleague located near the University, with a modern design and efficient approach.
2. Proposal for the Tertiary Education Colleague located near the University, with a modern design and efficient approach.
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Next Step:

Conference between the President and each member of the Board.
Take to Conference
with Maj. Barrows
9:30 AM. Feb 7, 1927

Col. Hammond
129 Field
Acting
1. To educationally sound
   Who will determine this?
   Consult Mr. Woodward
   Mr. Filby

   See Head of R.O.T.C. on feasibility

   Major Proctor

   3. Can Union afford loan of land or
      build temporary?
      Mr. Steere

   3. If above answers are favorable
   2. Plan and proposition to make to Mr. Davis

   Are answer built on state funds or
   must we raise money for unbeknown
   reason?
I of the 07.07.20 T.C. sanctioning the removal of the former.

Are we to understand that the new machinery of the former's removal is completely different?
President Max Mason,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Mason:

At Mr. Steere's suggestion, I am enclosing copy of my memorandum to him regarding possible armory location near the University.

Yours very truly,

G. O. Fairweather
Assistant Business Manager

GOF-m
Enclosure
Iowa State University

January 1970

A. F. Turner

Assistant Director

July, 1970

A. F. Turner

Assistant Director
Mr. Steere:

I learned yesterday that the First Regiment, Illinois National Guards is anxious to relocate itself from 16th and Michigan, where it has a lease arrangement with the Field Estate, to a new location on the South Side, somewhere near the University district, where it could have access to the parks for drill purposes, etc.

It occurred to me that it might be desirable to give some consideration to developing the interests of the University in this idea. Some of the factors are as follows:

1 - The interests of the University in having available in its immediate neighborhood a protective force in the event of race riots or other local disturbances.

2 - The opportunity to develop good-will with the State, and possibly the community generally, by some arrangement with respect to the use of land in return for use of facilities in the armory building.

A large armory, with its drill hall, would provide adequate facilities for many meetings, entertainment, athletics and a variety of other uses, and also possible future housing for the military courses, in view of the fact that the National Guard meets rarely in the daytime, and by arrangement the University's use of the building might be had in the evening.

The type of arrangement that would be made is similar in character to that advanced by the recent approach from the church. In effect, it would involve an arrangement whereby land could be used in return for a suitable building, erected by the State (or by private agencies). The Field Estate might be also interested in some of the necessary readjustment, in view of it thus being able to recapture the value of the present site which is now encumbered by the present armory at 16th Street and Michigan Avenue.
Mr. Steere  

January 27, 1927

If the idea has any value to the University, I believe it could be developed with the authorities most effectively through General Abel Davis, who is likely to become the new Major-General of the State Division.

G.O.F.

GOF-m
Possible List of Donors for Armory Project.
List taken from pamphlet entitled "The Call of the Camps."

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