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DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS AND ASTROPHYSICS

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28 July 1969

Vice president T. E. Manning
Regent Hall
Campus

Dear Vice-president Manning:

I was surprised to receive a third bill from Williams, Taussig and Trine which seems to indicate that the University has not honored its obligation in this matter. The previous two statements were sent to you with my letters of 7 May and 13 June, 1969, copies of which are sent for your convenience.

I prefer to believe that the delay is due to some clerical inadvertence. If, however, you are deliberately holding it up, I should be formally advised of this and given an opportunity to argue for payment.

Williams, Taussig and Trine rendered the services in question more than a year ago. They did not present a bill until late this spring. You will recall that the incident which required their services arose from the fact that Robert Low wrote an extremely foolish memorandum before the project was established. Then he was so indiscreet as to keep it in files, unbeknownst to me, where it could and did fall into the hands of University employees who proceeded disloyally to make it public to the intended harm of the University. Not only was this intended by the parties whom I discharged because of this breach of trust, after consultation with you, but it has actually worked out in a way quite detrimental to the University's good name. Over and over again in the magazines the Low memo is cited as "proof" that the University intended from the outset to come up with a biased report. The evidence is the stolen Low memo, which Low had no right to write in the first place, and certainly had no right to keep in the files of the project. As you know, I was completely unaware of the existence of this foolish document, written in August 1966, until after I learned in January 1968 of its having been stolen by University employees, one of them who was, and still is, a full professor in the University.

It was my understanding that as a result of the negotiations with Mr. Michael Farley of Holland and Hart, that you agreed that the University would pay all legal costs growing out of attacks on the project report. In view of all the factors I do not think it is fair to Williams, Taussig and Trine to delay payment of their bill any longer. I hope to hear from you before August 1 that they have been paid.

Sincerely,

E. U. Condon

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cc - Charles Williams
Michael Farley

PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

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7 May 1969

Vice President T. E. Manning
306 Regent Hall
Campus

Dear Ted:

Herewith are the two bills from Charles Williams and also Holland and Hart and copies of the letters I have sent to them advising them that I have sent these to you.

Sincerely,

E. U. Condon

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13 June 1969

Mr. Charles E. Williams
1405 Arapahoe
Boulder, Colo.

Dear Chuck:

I suppose there has been some delay as I received another bill from your office dated 31 May. I had turned the earlier one over to Vice-President Manning for his attention, and am doing the same with this one. I hope everything gets suitably straightened out.

Sincerely,

E. U. Condon

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cc - Vice-Pres. T. E. Manning

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