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June 25, 1958

Honorable Colgate W. Darden, President
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear President Darden:

In cooperation with Senator Charles S. Fenwick, the Town of Fairfax has secured options on 150 acres of land near the Town of Fairfax which it feels would be a suitable location for the site of the Northern Branch of the University of Virginia.

In January of 1958, the same site was presented to the local jurisdictions but the indications were at that time that, although the site was suitable, another site (which is not now available) was their first choice. The Town did not press the matter further and did not present the matter formally to the Board of Visitors.

Feeling as we do at this time, that the Town's offer may very well be acceptable to all the jurisdictions in the 10th District, we sincerely hope that the matter may be considered by the Board of Visitors and found to be acceptable.

Therefore, on behalf of the Town of Fairfax, I hereby offer to the University of Virginia a site of 150 acres of land located on Route 123 immediately adjoining its southern boundary. The tract has 1500 feet of frontage on Route 123 and is approximately the same distance from the intersection of 123 and Braddeck Road on the east side of said Route 123. The land was secured by the Town of Fairfax for this purpose through the cooperation of the Farr family of the Town. The Town will make available to the site municipal facilities of sewer, water, and other services.

The site is felt to be equal to or better than any of the ones formerly considered.

1. The tract contains 150 acres, which is large enough for initial needs. This tract has the advantage over many other proposed sites in that there is adjacent land presently available for possible future expansion.

2. The tract is readily accessible to the Northern Virginia urban area and to the metropolitan Washington area which it would serve. This accessibility is good now in view of the location of the Town of Fairfax as a road center for highways 236, 123, 50, 29, 211 and 237. This accessibility will improve as contemplated circumferential and other highways are completed. Although the tract is readily accessible, it is rolling and wooded and would make ideal university grounds.

3. Of all the tracts suggested to date, the Farr tract is the only one which would satisfy the accessibility requirements of Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church, Fairfax County and the Counties of Loudoun, Fauquier and Prince William and would still conform to everyone's idea of what a university campus should be.

4. The proposed university would be located adjacent to an historic courthouse town, which would add prestige to each.

5. The university would have a specific town location and identification, as against being located in Fairfax County generally.

6. The university would be located in one of the potentially best residential sections of the Fairfax Town area.

7. The Farr tract will be undisturbed by airports.

The specific detailed information on the tract, the soil studies, topographic maps, zoning, distances in miles and times from the various places in the 10th District and other miscellaneous information are in Senator Fenwick's hands.

The Town of Fairfax would very much appreciate the opportunity of presenting the matter to the Board of Visitors or to its proper committee at any time that such a meeting can be held, if you deem it proper.

Honorable Colgate W. Barden

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I am enclosing with this letter a location map for your information.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Wood, Mayor

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Enclosure

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