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Dear Mr. Barrick:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th, regards Texas Tech and the College Shield Design.

I am delighted to know that you, a son-in-law of my good old friend, W. W. Watkin, are heading the Architecture Department at Texas Tech. I know he would like it too.

I look back with great pleasure to our association on this project. I was called in to suggest a Technological Institution of this sort and worked out the idea with Governor Neff and the State Officials at Austin. They put through a bill with a sizeable appropriation, appointed a Board of Regents and they in turn selected the Architects and Engineers to put over this project. They associated Mr. Watkin with me and also the firm of Sanguinet, Stats and Hedrick of Fort Worth.

The original sketches and ideas of the general layout were made by Mr. Watkin and with several visits from me to confer with him to carry out the original ideas of the State Officials. It was at that time that Mr. Watkin's office got up this shield design for our approval and for the approval of the College Authorities. I imagine that somewhere the papers will show that Dr. Horne, the first President, gave his approval of this Design. Anyway, he did give his approval and that is why it was incorporated on the entrance facade of the Administration Building. This I imagine will give you the information you need and is the record in this case.

Mr. Watkin and I made several trips to Lubbock together. Of course I was there when they selected the site of the College and Mr. Watkin was there with me when they had the original Ground-Breaking and then again when we had the Dedication Exercises at the starting of the first college year. I have only been back once since, when most of the originally planned buildings were completed. After that, our firm was never called back into the picture - at least Mr. Hedrick rather took over for himself, and Mr. Watkin and I dropped out of the picture.

I wish for you great success at Texas Tech and if ever I get close around, I will drop in to see you.

Please remember me to your wife and any other members of the family because at one time or another, I have had a chance to see them in Houston or Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

CHIP ROBERT(Lawrence Wood Robert, Jr.)

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