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HOUSTON . TEXAS

August 4, 1930.

Dr. Edgar Odell Lovett, Pres.,
Wm. M. Rice Institute,
Houston, Texas.

Dear President Lovett:

I have investigated the cost of making the change for the top of the campanile at the power plant at the Institute. This change, as you know, consists of the removal of the old tile and concrete projection which has from time to time suffered from lightening and which we have considered removing for the past eighteen months.

In accordance with the suggestion of Mr. Gram and with drawings which I have made, it is proposed to treat the tower with an Indiana limestone design at the level where the old projection occurs. The effect of this will be to noticeably improve the campanile in its design, to make it decidedly better in appearance and to remove the hazard which the concrete and tile offer in case of heavy storm and wind.

Inasmuch as the work requires careful workmanship to avoid any appearance of patching, and inasmuch as the removal of the old concrete and tile work is somewhat difficult, I have only been able to get a guaranteed maximum price, namely, \$6,200.00; the work to be done by the Tellepsen Construction Company and to be done in a very thorough manner including the complete anchorage of the new stone work and of the old marble columns and also the cleaning down of the discolored portion of the brick work in the upper section of the tower. An appropriation, therefore, of \$6,500.00 will be necessary, \$6,200.00 for the Tellepsen Construction Company and \$300.00 for architect's fees.

Very truly yours,

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Architect.