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February 27, 1953

DR. JOHN H. LAWRENCE

Dear Dr. Lawrence:

I would like to acquaint you with a rather peculiar situation that has developed. In your letter to Mr. Weaver of February 17, 1953, in which you suggested that it might be possible for the University to consider using various funds for helping to construct the Metabolic Unit, one fund in particular was mentioned which was the University Support Fund for the Medical Physics Courses or University support. At that time I purposely had the figure \$2500 inserted, although I knew at the time there was a balance of a few dollars in excess of \$3,000. The reason for this was that I knew of an outstanding lien of approximately \$400 that had to still clear the books, and therefore I purposely used the figure \$2500. When Mr. Weaver received your letter, he immediately went to the Controller's Office; they looked at the ledger and saw the balance of \$3013.43, because the lien had not cleared from the Purchasing Department, so without further checking, either with the Purchasing Department or specifically with us here, Mr. Weaver ordered that the entire amount of money, namely \$3013.43, be frozen for use in the Metabolic Unit construction. The minutes of the meeting for the Regents were therefore written up with that sum showing as being available.

Three days ago I was called by the Purchasing Department notifying me that they had a lien of \$400, which I mentioned above, and we had no funds. As I thought this rather strange, I checked back with the Controller's Office who in turn said the entire amount of \$3013.43 had been frozen and therefore we did not have this money to pay for the lien. I asked on whose authority this had been done and what the basis of this conclusion had been. I was referred to Mr. Frank Wick, who works with Mr. Roscoe Weaver, who proceeded to tell me the story. Mr. Wick apologized and admitted rather quickly that he certainly should have checked further and certainly should have checked with us, and that when we specified \$2500 he guessed we did not actually mean \$3000. To make a long story short, Mr. Weaver will be approached when he returns to town by George Stevens in Mr. Lundberg's office, who will go into this matter, and I believe Mr. Weaver will be asked to release the \$400 so that this lien can be taken care of.

Everyone has agreed that it certainly is not our fault that the situation exists and that it was rather a bad conclusion for Mr. Wick to come to without doing any further checking.

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Would you kindly advise me.

Sincerely,

R. A. San Souci

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