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January 21, 1968

Hon. Harrison Mann, Chairman
Area Board of Control

Dear Mr. Mann:

The Town Council of the Town of Fairfax, pursuant to due resolution, hereby makes the following offer to the Control Board of a site for the northern branch of the University of Virginia.

The Town of Fairfax will make a gift of 150 acres of land located on Route 123 immediately adjoining its southern boundary, (this tract being shown on the attached plats). The tract has 1500 feet of frontage on Route 123 and is approximately the same distance from the intersection of 123 and Braddock 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 Town is seeking no control over the institution. It is only interested in having the proposed university located in the Town of Fairfax area.

The site is felt to be equal to or better than any of the ones presently under consideration.

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,

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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, Loudoun County, and Prince William County, 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.)

This offer is necessarily conditioned upon a slight amendment to the present enabling act to include the town within its purview. The Town's option to purchase the Farr tract will expire on March 19, 1958.

We would appreciate your cooperation and best efforts in bringing this offer before the Control Board for their immediate consideration.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours truly,

s/ John C. Wood

John C. Wood
Mayor