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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 23, 1981

Chancellor E. D. Walker
The University of Texas System
601 Colorado Street
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Chancellor Walker:

After almost a decade of presidential service and pursuant to our recent discussions, I hereby submit my request for retirement from the presidency of The University of Texas at Tyler effective August 31, 1981. I plan to remain in the active presidential role through May 31, 1981 for the purpose of fulfilling established goals and objectives, concluding the academic year and assisting in every possible way with a smooth and effective transition.

Upon assuming the presidency of this newly created institution nearly ten years ago, I established two major objectives. One objective was to found a higher education program upon the important principle of academic excellence. The other was to build a functional, efficient and aesthetically desirable physical plant.

Academic excellence has been emphasized throughout the university's existence. The achievement of many specific sub-goals, such as attracting a highly qualified faculty and obtaining Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation several years ago in record time in the history of the association, has contributed to the goal of excellence. I am proud to note that institutional reaffirmation for accreditation was favorably acted upon in December 1980 at the annual Southern Association meeting, and U.T. Tyler was reaffirmed for accreditation for the maximum ten-year period.

With completion and occupancy of the library during the current year, four construction contracts awarded during my presidency have been concluded. The completion of the library project is a final step in providing a functional physical plant which was projected at the beginning of my administration. Furthermore,

Chancellor E. D. Walker
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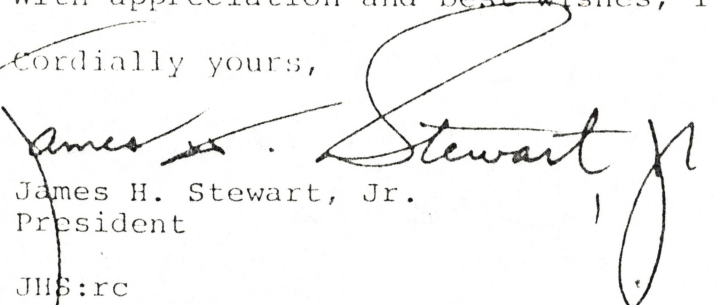
it is an award-winning physical plant in a beautiful campus setting, and students will be served extremely well as it is used in future years.

With the accomplishment of these objectives, it seems that this is a logical time for me to turn my professional energies to other challenges. My tenure has been longer than that of most presidents, and it has always been my conviction that an important element of success is knowing when to make a change. I communicate this to you now because I want to give you as much time as possible for finding my successor. While I do not in any way want to rule out the possibility of an administrative position in the future, for the time being, I am looking forward to exercising my option as a tenured professor and to pursuing teaching with the benefit of my years of administrative experience.

Certainly, I take this opportunity to convey to you, and through you to The University of Texas System Board of Regents, how pleased I am to have served as the chief administrative officer of a University of Texas System component institution. Moreover, it has been a privilege to have served under you as Chancellor. I look forward to continuing this relationship for many years to come.

With appreciation and best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



James H. Stewart, Jr.
President

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January 28, 1981

Office of the Chancellor

Dr. James H. Stewart, Jr.
President
The University of Texas at Tyler
3900 University Boulevard
Tyler, Texas 75701

Dear Dr. Stewart:

It is with regret that I accept your resignation as President of The University of Texas at Tyler.

I do appreciate your thoughtfulness and consideration in giving the Board of Regents and me enough time before your official retirement date to be looking for a successor.

Your retirement as President will leave a gap at U. T. Tyler that will be hard to fill. But more importantly, you will leave to your successor a respected institution which has developed a deserved reputation for academic excellence.

I know you will be leaving with a keen sense of pride -- pride in a ten-year record of achievement that will stand as a monument to your dedication and abilities.

I tell you very sincerely that I look forward to continuing -- and strengthening -- an official relationship in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

E. D. Walker
Chancellor

xc: Members of the Board of Regents
Miss Thedford, Secretary to the Board of Regents