Administrative Notes, July 31st, 1978

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To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

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Subject: Administrative Notes

I. Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Budget and Planning Office Staff Biennial Budget Hearing

Charles D. Travis, director of the Governor's Budget and Planning Office, and Thomas M. Keel, director of the Legislative Budget Board, notified me last week that the Texas Eastern University biennial hearing for Fiscal Years 1980 and 1981 was to be conducted on July 25, 1978. This year's hearing before staff members of these two state offices was scheduled on the East Texas State University campus at 4:00 p.m. on the aforementioned date. As I believe each of you is aware, this hearing is conducted each biennium for state institutions and agencies primarily to permit staff members of the two budget offices to develop information about the various appropriations requests from which they can more effectively formulate their staff work prior to reviewing the requests with the Legislative Budget Board and governor. In addition to staff members from the LBB and Governor's Budget and Planning Office, the Coordinating Board had a staff member present for the hearing as did democratic gubernatorial nominee, John L. Hill. Our hearing was positive, and I was pleased with the manner in which staff personnel from the Legislative Budget Board and Governor's Budget and Planning Office conducted their work in reviewing the TEU appropriations request for the ensuing biennium.

II. Statement on Government Involvement in Higher Education

I recently received a relatively brief statement entitled "A Call to College and University Trustees"--developed by 69 individuals who are interested in preserving the autonomy and freedom of action for institutions of higher learning in our country--which I enclose for your information. The statement was developed as a result of a
conference on government and higher education conducted in November 1977. Leadership for calling the conference was provided by Walter E. Hanson, chairman and chief executive of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. Of course, most of those attending the conference and signing the statement, as you will note from the list of initial signers, are leading businessmen throughout the nation. And many of them serve on college and university boards through which they have become acutely aware of the increased involvement of government in programs of higher education in the United States. As a result they joined together to develop a statement which, in my opinion, is very well written and is also timely. As you will recall, the general issue of institutional autonomy and the problems associated with state and federal government controls and involvement in the business of college and university campuses was focused on in several instances at our last Board of Regents meeting as various agenda items were acted upon. I think you will find the few minutes required to read this statement to be time well spent.

III. 1978 Summer II Term Enrollment Reports and Small Class Report

As you will note from the attached reports, official enrollment for the 1978 Summer II Term is 763 which represents a 9.8 percent increase over the 695 enrollment figure of one year ago. Additional enrollment data and cumulative institutional enrollment reports for the 1978 Summer II Term are attached for your information and files. These reports include:

- Report #1 Semester Credit Hours Produced, Summer II
- Report #2 Registration Summary Report, 1973-78
- Report #3 Student Enrollment Analysis, 1973-78
- Report #4 Semester Credit Hours Generated, 1973-78

The Small Class Report, as defined by the legislature, includes all organized undergraduate courses with enrollments of less than 10 students and all organized graduate courses with less than 5 students. This report will be placed on the President's Report and Recommendations for authorization by the Board of Regents at the next board meeting. You will note there are only 5 small classes during this semester, and these are being conducted in order to accommodate special needs as pointed out in the justification statements.

IV. Report from Resident Engineer

Attached is a report from the director of physical plant and resident engineer for the week ending July 28, 1978.
V. Report on Dr. Donald M. Anthony

Dr. Donald M. Anthony's wife, Bobbie, advised me yesterday that Don was to be admitted to Scott and White Hospital today for surgery tomorrow. He has had problems recently in the abdominal area and last week was given a thorough physical examination at Scott and White. The physical resulted in pinpointing some problem in the pancreas although the exact difficulty will not be known until the exploratory surgery is conducted. Of course, I know that each of you will have the same concern for the Anthony family and Don's well-being as those of us on campus as we keep them in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

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Attachments and Enclosure