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To: Board of Regents, Texas Eastern University

From: James H. Stewart, Jr.

Subject: Administrative Notes—Special Issue

1980-81 Appropriations Legislation Report

It is with pleasure that I inform you the institutional appropriations request for fiscal years 1980 and 1981 is not as bleak today as I presented it in yesterday's Administrative Notes. Action was taken by the Senate Finance Committee today at about 10:30 a.m. to include $3,000,000 ($2,374 above request) for construction and equipping of the Library (Part B). I hasten to point out that the capable leadership of Senator Peyton McKnight was highly significant in this amount being placed in the Senate Finance Committee bill. He was joined in this action by several other senators who recalled and supported the decision two years ago to divide the Library project into Part A and Part B. Other information which was sent in yesterday's Administrative Notes relative to the Texas Eastern University appropriations request remains valid, i.e., none of the other additional items requested (items above formula in the special items and repairs and rehabilitation categories) was included. In regard to operating expenses, both the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee have applied the actual base period data (enrollments during Summer Terms 1978, Fall Semester 1978 and Spring Semester 1979); and as a result, the recommendation of each committee is less than the Legislative Budget Board's December 1978 recommendations which were calculated on projections. These recommended amounts are as follows:

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<th>Fiscal Year 1980</th>
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<td>Legislative Budget Board Recommendations (December '78)</td>
<td>$4,877,698</td>
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<td>Senate and House Recommendations (April '79)</td>
<td>4,639,920</td>
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<td>Difference</td>
<td>237,778</td>
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Immediately upon receiving word of the inclusion of the Library (Part B) in the Senate bill, I shared the information with Finance and Appropriation Committee Chairman C. Quentin Abernathy. And certainly, we were both anxious to share news of the library funding with all members of the Board.

JHS: jm