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THE HARRY S. TRUMAN LIBRARY

Following the precedent set by President Roosevelt, friends of President Harry S. Truman began to plan a library for his papers while he was still in the White House.

The Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., was chartered under the laws of the State of Missouri on July 14, 1950, to erect and equip a building or buildings to house and preserve President Truman's papers and other historical materials. The charter authorized the Corporation to solicit and raise money and accept gifts, acquire land, borrow money, and exercise other powers conducive to attaining its goals. The Corporation trustees held their first meeting on September 16, 1950, at Kansas City, Missouri.

Before President Truman left the White House, he informed the Administrator of General Services, in a letter dated January 17, 1953, that he proposed to offer his personal papers for deposit in the national archival system under provisions of section 507(e) of the Federal Records Act of 1950 or under future legislation in the event that the Government accepted the proposed library. On the same day, the Administrator replied that pending the construction of the library, and while the papers were under the President's personal charge at a Kansas City depository, he would assign archivists to assist in arranging and classifying them.

While the Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., was raising funds for the construction of a Presidential archival depository, Congress passed legislation to provide for the acceptance and maintenance of libraries of other Presidents under the same general terms as it had adopted for the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library. President Eisenhower approved the legislation on August 12, 1955, as an amendment to the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (65 Stat. 695). It has provided the statutory basis for all subsequent Presidential libraries.

The Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., organized its building fund drive by states, with a committee in each, to raise a little over one million dollars. Up to the end of the Truman administration \$70,000 had been contributed; by the end of 1953, donations amounted to \$620,000; and by the time the library was completed in September, 1957, some 1.8 million dollars had been received.

The city of Independence donated for the library thirteen and a half acres of land with an estimated value of more than \$400,000. In order to make the library grounds easily accessible, the Missouri Highway Department improved the highway at the point where it passed the library site, constructing exit and entrance roads and an underpass at a cost approaching \$500,000.

On February 11, 1957, Basil O'Connor, president of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., offered the library as a gift to the United States for the purpose of creating a Presidential archival depository. His letter to the Administrator of General Services stated that the actual cash outlays by the Corporation for the structure and grounds exceeded \$1.5 million, but he added that the actual value was much greater as many services and materials had been contributed.

The day after O'Connor offered the completed library, former President Truman wrote to the Administrator offering his papers and other historical materials to the United States for preservation in the Harry S. Truman Library. The Corporation subsequently conveyed the land and building at Independence, Missouri, to the United States under a deed dated June 10, 1957. The Harry S. Truman Library was dedicated and accepted as part of the national archival system on July 6, 1957.

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February 11, 1957

Dear Mr. Floete:

As the President of the Harry S. Truman Library Inc., I have been authorized by its Board of Trustees to offer the Harry S. Truman Library as a gift to the United States, for the purpose of creating a Presidential archival depository under the terms of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended (65 Stat. 695).

The Harry S. Truman Library Inc. is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Missouri expressly for the purpose of carrying out former President Truman's wishes to erect a building in Jackson County, Missouri that will contain his papers and memorabilia, and to offer that building as a gift to the United States.

In compliance with former President Truman's intentions and with his active encouragement and support, this Corporation has collected the necessary funds and caused a building to be constructed on a plot of land donated to this Corporation by the City of Independence, Missouri and adjacent to a public park in that city.

The land, which comprises approximately thirteen and one-half acres, lies in a residential section of the City, on the north side of Highway 24. It includes a city block formerly occupied by private dwellings which the City purchased and cleared away. The value of the entire area transferred by the City to the Corporation is estimated at upwards of \$400,000.00. The Library building is situated on the highest part of the land, which slopes away on two sides toward the Highway and the park.

The Highway Department of the State of Missouri has improved Highway 24 at the point where it passes the Library site, building exit roads and entrance roads and an underpass so that the Library grounds are easily and safely accessible to automobiles proceeding in either direction on the Highway. The cost of these improvements to the State of Missouri approaches \$500,000.00.

The Library building itself, designed from the start to serve as a Presidential archival depository and as a center of study and research, together with the grading, landscaping and planting of the grounds, and the construction of roads, walks and a parking lot, will represent, on completion, actual cash outlays by this Corporation exceeding \$1,500,000.00. The actual value of the structure and the grounds is much greater, as many of the services and materials going into them have been contributed as a gift to this Corporation.

The building is an example of contemporary architecture, dignified but informal in plan, consisting of one floor and a basement under the entire structure. Crescent-shaped in outline, the building is approximately 525 feet from end to end, and has a total of 70,000 feet of floor space. It is air-conditioned throughout. It is faced with Indiana limestone, buff in color, laid in a random ashlar pattern. Its functional areas include a record room for preserving and protecting papers and books, a spacious reading room, a lecture hall with a seating capacity of 200, a museum wing and a lobby for the display of historical objects and papers, and numerous offices for the use of scholars and the archival staff. In addition it will contain an exact reproduction of the Presidential oval office in the West Wing of the White House, which together with the museum area, should serve to attract tourists and other visitors. It also contains a suite of offices designed for the use of former President Truman and his assistants during his lifetime.

This building has been constructed for the two-fold purpose of serving to house the papers and other historical materials belonging to former President Truman, and of being owned and operated by the Government of the United States as a Presidential archival depository. These two purposes must therefore be carried out together. I understand that former President Truman is making an offer to the United States of his papers and other historical materials subject to the condition that they be permanently preserved in this building and there be made available to the public. In similar fashion, the offer which I make, on behalf of the Corporation, must be conditioned on the acceptance by the United States of the papers and other historical materials of former President Truman on terms agreeable to him, and upon agreement by the United States to preserve his papers and historical materials in this building, and to operate this building and its contents permanently as a Presidential archival depository.

Accordingly, as I have been authorized to do, I hereby offer to the United States of America the following described lots or tracts of land lying in the City of Independence, County of Jackson and State of Missouri, to wit:

Beginning at the N. E. corner of Lot 173, Pickwick Place, as shown on the recorded plat thereof; thence south along the west line of Pleasant Street 805.55 ft. to a point on the north line of the right of way of U. S. Highway No. 24 (50 ft. from the center line thereof); thence North 89 degrees 34 minutes West along the north line of said right of way 698.17 ft; thence north parallel to the west line of Pleasant Street 826.25 ft; thence south 89 degrees 34 minutes East 322.22 ft; thence south 71 degrees 36 minutes East 63.19 ft. to the N. W. corner of Lot 200, Pickwick Place; thence South 89 degrees 22 minutes East 316 ft. to the point of beginning.

Together with the building erected on the said lots and all fixtures, improvements and appurtenances relating thereto, which lots and building are hereinafter referred to as the Harry S. Truman Library:

To have and to hold the said premises, with all the rights thereto belonging to the Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., forever, on condition that the United States assume the following obligations and undertakings:

1. The United States will accept the papers and other historical materials of former President Harry S. Truman on terms and conditions and subject to restrictions agreeable to him, and will agree to preserve and protect the said papers and other historical materials in perpetuity and keep them in the said Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, and there make them available for study and research.

2. The United States will maintain, operate and protect the said Harry S. Truman Library as a Presidential archival depository within the meaning of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended (65 Stat. 695), in perpetuity, and will not add to or alter the name of the said Library, which shall always be "The Harry S. Truman Library", nor change, remove or deface any commemorative or memorial elements in the structure or grounds of the said Library having to do with former President Harry S. Truman.

3. The United States will permit former President Harry S. Truman and his assistants to occupy and use during his lifetime, free of any charge or expense whatsoever, the offices, rooms and other spaces in the said Library designated on the plans or by agreement between this Corporation and the Archivist of the United States for such occupancy and use, for so long a time as former President Harry S. Truman shall require, and shall allow former President Harry S. Truman and his assistants and designees full access to the said Library and all parts thereof at all times, as he may request.

4. The United States will permit all members of this Corporation and all or any of its agents, employees or contractors to enter upon the Library at all reasonable times, free of any charge or fee, and there to perform such work upon the building or grounds or to make such additions or improvements thereto as may be mutually agreed upon from time to time by the Archivist of the United States and the Corporation.

If the United States will agree to the conditions and undertakings described above, I have been authorized to transfer title to the Library to the United States at such time as may be most effective and appropriate in carrying out the objectives of the Corporation. Construction work is still in progress on the building and grounds, and the finishing and furnishing of the interior of the building yet remain to be done. While it is hoped that this work will be completed promptly, it is apparent that several months must elapse before everything, including particularly the grading and planting of the grounds, can be finished. It would appear most expedient to make the transfer of title after this work has been at least substantially completed.

Therefore, if the United States will assume the obligations and undertakings outlined above, I undertake to convey title to the Library, as above described, to the Government when the work is completed, but in any case not later than twelve months from the date of the acceptance of this offer.

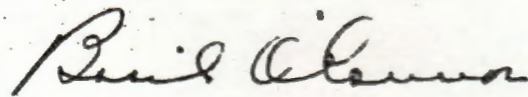
Meanwhile the Corporation is willing to allow the United States, its agents and employees to have full access to the building, and to initiate and carry on therein any activities, such as the storing and arrangement of books, papers and historical materials related to the function of maintaining, operating and protecting the Library as a Presidential archival depository, provided, of course, that such activities do not impede the completion of the project. Since these are matters of detail, they can best be settled by agreements and arrangements entered into and modified from time to time by the Corporation and the appropriate officers of the United States.

I append to this letter certified copies of the pertinent Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Harry S. Truman Library Inc., and the deed vesting title to the property above described in this Corporation.

Permit me to say, in conclusion, that, over the entire course of the planning and construction of this Library, the Corporation, its architects and contractors have had the unflagging

interest and the wise counsel of the Archivist of the United States, the Honorable Wayne C. Grover, and his staff. His advice and technical assistance have been invaluable at every turn, and have aided us materially in creating a facility which will give efficient service to the public and the scholarly community for many decades to come.

Faithfully yours,



President
The Harry S. Truman Library, Inc.

The Hon. Franklin G. Floete
Administrator of General Services
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

HARRY S. TRUMAN
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
KANSAS CITY 6, MISSOURI

February 12, 1957

Honorable Franklin G. Floete
Administrator of General Service
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Floete:

As you know, it has long been my desire to give to the United States the papers accumulated during my years in public office and the other historical materials, mementos, objects of art and other memorabilia acquired by me as President during my term of office, to the end that the people may have those things available for study and research, and for their enjoyment and education. In pursuit of this objective, a Library building has been constructed in the City of Independence, by public subscription, suitable for housing, preserving and exhibiting these papers and materials. This building is now nearing completion, and it is the intention of the Harry S. Truman Library, Inc., the non-profit corporation which has financed and erected it, to present it as a gift to the United States on certain conditions, and provided the United States will maintain, operate and protect it as a Presidential archival depository as provided in the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended (65 Stat. 695).

At this time, therefore, under the terms of the said statute, I offer my papers and other historical materials as hereinafter described to the United States on condition that they will be preserved and made available pursuant to restrictions imposed by me, and on condition that they be accepted by the United States on the terms and provisions hereinafter set forth.

1. I offer to the United States all my right, title and interest in my papers now stored in the Memorial Building on Maple Avenue and Pleasant Street in the City of Independence, Missouri. These include substantially all the papers which were in the files of the White House when I relinquished the office of

President. They also include a number of other files accumulated by me in my public offices prior to that time, and are estimated to total several million documents.

2. I offer to the United States all my right, title and interest in my other papers relating to my public offices wherever located or stored, with the exception of certain papers determined by me, or in the event of my death by my executors or personal representatives, prior to the transfer thereof, to be related in whole or in part to the business or personal affairs of myself or my family (which term as used in this offer shall include my wife, mother, daughter, brother, sister, nephews or nieces).

3. I offer to the United States all the other historical materials collected during my tenure of public office now belonging to me which are located in Jackson County, Missouri, or elsewhere, other than in my private residence in the City of Independence, Missouri, and which shall not prior to the transfer thereof be marked, labelled or otherwise designated to show a reservation of title in me, or which shall not have been received for the business or personal use of myself or my family. The term "historical materials" as used in this offer shall bear the same meaning as defined in the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended (69 Stat. 695).

4. The offers contained in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 hereof shall lapse and become ineffective unless within one year from the date hereof the United States shall accept the offer of the Harry S. Truman Library and the land surrounding said building now under construction in the City of Independence, Missouri, and shall agree to maintain and operate it at all times thereafter as a Presidential archival depository for the storage of the papers and the other historical materials included in such offers in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended.

5. Upon the acceptance and agreement mentioned in the preceding paragraph, the papers described in paragraph 1 will be transferred to the United States

for storage in said building as soon as possible; and the papers and historical materials described in paragraphs 2 and 3 hereof shall be transferred from time to time as shall be agreed upon by the Administrator of the General Services Administration and me or my executors or representatives.

6. I or my executors or personal representatives shall be the sole judge of (a) which papers relate to my various public offices and which relate to the personal or business affairs of myself or my family, and (b) which of my other historical materials were received for the business or personal use of myself or my family.

7. All papers and other historical materials which shall be transferred pursuant to the foregoing to the United States shall be kept permanently in the said Harry S. Truman Library, after the United States shall have accepted and agreed to maintain it as set forth in paragraph 3, subject to the right of the Archivist of the United States in his discretion (a) to make temporary loans thereof to such persons, organizations or institutions as he shall determine, (b) to dispose by sale, exchange or otherwise of any such papers or historical materials which he may determine to have no permanent value or historical interest or to be surplus to the needs of the Harry S. Truman Library, and (c) to remove from the said Library any and all of such papers or historical materials if he shall deem it necessary to preserve them from threatened destruction.

8. All papers transferred by me or my representatives to the United States shall be freely accessible at all reasonable times to me or to persons designated by me in writing during my life or after my death to the persons designated by me in my will.

9. It is my purpose to make the papers and other historical materials referred to herein available for the purpose of study and research as soon as possible and to the fullest possible extent. However, since the President of the United States is the recipient of many confidences from others, and since the inviolability of such confidence is essential to the functioning of the constitutional office of the Presidency, it will be necessary to withhold from public scrutiny certain papers and classes of papers for varying periods of time.

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Therefore, for the time being, the following classes of papers shall be withheld from inspection by, and their contents shall be kept confidential and shall not be divulged to, anyone (including public officials) other than (1) regular employees of the National Archives and Record Service performing normal archival services on such papers under the general supervision of the Archivist of the United States, and (2) myself and persons authorized by me in my will or otherwise to have access to such papers on my behalf, pursuant to paragraph 8 hereof:

- (a) Papers that are classified as to secrecy and security pursuant to law until such classification shall be removed. Such classification shall be reviewed from time to time; and
- (b) Papers containing statements which may in any manner injure, embarrass or harass any living person or the living members of the family of any deceased person, or papers which may in any manner be prejudicial to the conduct of foreign relations with any government, or papers containing statements made by or to me in confidence in any official capacity.

10. Subject to my approval or the approval of the persons designated by me in my will or otherwise to act after my death with respect to these papers and historical materials, the employees of the National Archives and Record Service may perform the services necessary to the classification of the papers in accordance with the foregoing paragraph, and may place any withheld papers in special files where they shall be available only to me or to such persons or employees.

11. All papers withheld in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be reexamined from time to time by employees of the National Archives and Records Service under the direction of the Archivist of the United States and, subject to approval by me or by persons designated by me in my will or otherwise to act after my death with respect to those papers and historical materials, shall be opened to general use as soon as the passage of time or other circumstances have removed the conditions that justify their being temporarily withheld.

Honorable Franklin G. Floete

February 12, 1957

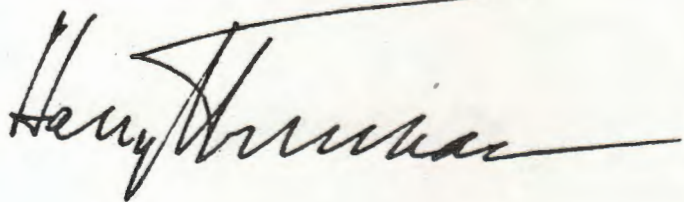
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12. All competent private persons interested in using the papers for purposes of serious scholarly research shall be granted equal access to the papers that are not withheld in accordance with the foregoing.

13. I hereby assign to the United States all my literary property rights in all papers which may be transferred to the United States in accordance with the terms and conditions herein expressed, except that I reserve to myself and my heirs (a) the right to make any use of such papers and (b) all literary property rights in any works that I have written or may hereafter write for publication. The foregoing reservation includes the right to license any publisher of such material.

Sincerely yours,

Harry S. Truman

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Harry S. Truman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name. It features a prominent, sweeping initial "H" and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

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I, HARRY S. TRUMAN, of Independence, Missouri, do hereby make, publish and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament.

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BARBARA RUGGLES, CLERK
DEPUTY

FIRST: I revoke all wills and codicils heretofore made by me.

SECOND: I request that my debts and my funeral and administration expenses be paid as promptly as shall be practicable.

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THIRD: A. I have from time to time during my life given and transferred to the United States of America all of my right, title and interest in, and possession of, certain papers, historical materials and other property, to be kept in the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Missouri, on certain conditions enumerated in correspondence between me and the Administrator of General Services of the United States and the Archivist of the United States.

B. I hereby bequeath to the United States of America all of my right, title and interest in, and possession of, the following property:

I. All of my remaining papers as United States Senator, as Vice-President of the United States and as President of the United States, other than those thereof (a) which shall contain a label or other indication showing a reservation of title in me, or (b) which shall be determined by my Executors in their sole and absolute discretion to be related in whole or in part to the business or personal affairs of myself or any of the members of my family (which shall, for the purposes of this Will, include my wife,

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daughter, brother, sister, nephews and nieces).

II. All of my remaining historical materials, which shall, for the purposes of this Will, include all cartoons, books, portraits, statues, objets d'art, models, pictures and miscellaneous objects or materials having historical or commemorative values, other than those thereof (a) which shall be located at the time of my death in my private residence in Independence, Missouri or in any other private residence which I or my daughter may have at such time, or (b) which shall contain a label or other indication showing a reservation of title in me, or (c) which shall be determined by my Executors in their sole and absolute discretion to be related in whole or in part to the business or personal affairs of myself or any of the members of my family.

C. The bequest made in part B of this Article THIRD is made subject to the following conditions:

I. That all papers and historical materials so bequeathed shall be kept permanently in the said Harry S. Truman Library, subject, however, to the right of the Archivist of the United States in his sole and absolute discretion (a) to make temporary loans thereof to such persons, organizations or institutions as he shall so determine, (b) to dispose, by sale, exchange, gift or otherwise, of any such papers or historical materials which he in his sole and absolute discretion shall determine in writing to have no permanent value or historical interest or to be surplus to the needs of the said Harry S. Truman Library, or (c) to remove from the said Harry S. Truman Library any

and all such papers or historical materials which he in his sole and absolute discretion shall determine to be necessary to preserve them from threatened destruction.

II. That all papers and historical materials so bequeathed shall be fully accessible to my wife, daughter and the members of the committee created by the provisions of Article FIFTH hereof.

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FOURTH: A. It is my purpose to make the papers and historical materials bequeathed pursuant to the provisions of part B of Article THIRD hereof available for the purpose of study and research as soon as possible and to the fullest possible extent. However, since the President and the Vice-President of the United States are the recipients of many confidences from others, and since the inviolability of such confidences is essential to the functioning of the constitutional offices of the Presidency and the Vice-Presidency, it will be necessary to withhold from public scrutiny certain papers and historical materials and classes of papers and historical materials for varying periods of time. Therefore, for the time being, as a condition of said bequest, the following classes of papers and historical materials shall be withheld from inspection by, and their contents shall be kept confidential and shall not be divulged to, anyone (including public officials), other than (i) regular employees of the National Archives and Records Service performing normal archival services on such papers and historical materials under the general supervision of the Archivist of the United States, and (ii) my wife, daughter and the members of the committee created by the provisions of Article FIFTH hereof:

I. Papers and historical materials that are classified as to secrecy and security pursuant to law, which classi

fication shall be reviewed from time to time.

II. Papers and historical materials containing statements which may in any manner injure, embarrass or harass any living person or the living members of the family of any deceased person.

III. Papers and historical materials which may in any manner be prejudicial to the conduct of foreign relations with any government.

IV. Papers and historical materials containing statements made by or to me in confidence in any official capacity.

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B. Subject to the approval of the committee created pursuant to the provisions of Article FIFTH hereof, the employees of the National Archives and Records Service may perform the classification services necessary pursuant to the provisions of part A of this Article FOURTH and may place any withheld papers and historical materials in special files where, for the time being, they shall be available only to my wife, daughter and the members of said committee.

C. All papers and historical materials withheld pursuant to the provisions of this Article FOURTH shall be reexamined from time to time by employees of the National Archives and Records Service under the direction of the Archivist of the United States, and, subject to the approval of the committee created pursuant to the provisions of Article FIFTH hereof, shall be opened to general use as soon as the passage of time or other circumstances have in the sole and absolute discretion of said committee removed the conditions that justify their being temporarily withheld.

D. It is my wish, subject to such rules and regulations as the Archivist of the United States shall prescribe, that all competent private persons interested in using the papers and historical materials bequeathed pursuant to the provisions of part B of Article THIRD hereof for purposes of serious scholarly research shall be granted equal access to those of such papers and historical materials not withheld pursuant to the provisions of this Article FOURTH.

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FIFTH: The committee referred to in Articles THIRD and FOURTH hereof shall consist of the first named three persons from the following list who shall survive me:

- A. Charles S. Murphy, formerly my special counsel.
- B. David D. Lloyd, formerly of the White House staff.
- C. Admiral Robert Dennison, formerly my naval aide.
- D. Admiral Sidney Souers, formerly one of my assistants.
- E. Samuel I. Rosenman, formerly my special counsel and now my lawyer.
- F. Matthew Connelly, formerly my secretary.

In the event that any member of said committee shall die after me, he shall be replaced by the next named survivor.

SIXTH: I bequeath all of my papers and historical materials not bequeathed to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of part B of Article THIRD hereof (a) to my wife and my daughter, in equal shares, if they shall both survive me, or (b) if only one of my wife and daughter shall survive me, to that one; or (c) if neither my wife nor my daughter shall survive

me, to the issue of my daughter who shall survive me, in equal shares per stirpes, or (d) if none of my wife, my daughter and the issue of my daughter shall survive me, to the United States of America to be treated by the United States of America in the same manner as the papers and historical materials bequeathed to the United States of America pursuant to the provisions of said part B.

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SEVENTH: All of the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real, personal and mixed, of whatsoever kind and nature and wheresoever situated, of which I shall die seized or possessed, and all property in which I shall have any interest, and all property over or with respect to which I shall have any power of appointment, remaining after provision for the payment of my debts and my funeral and administration expenses and after provision for the distribution of those which shall become effective of the bequests provided for in part B of Article THIRD hereof and in Article SIXTH hereof, is hereinafter referred to as "my Remaining Estate".

EIGHTH: If my wife shall survive me, and if any (or all) of my daughter and her issue shall also survive me, I devise and bequeath to my Trustees hereunder property having a value equal to the aggregate value at the time of my death of all assets not hereby disposed of which "passed" (within the meaning of Section 2056(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954), whether or not by reason of my death, from me to my wife and with respect to which a deduction will be allowed in determining the value of my "taxable estate" (as defined in Section 2051 of said Internal Revenue Code), in trust nevertheless, to add the same to my Residuary Estate, and to dispose of the same, with my Residuary Estate, in the manner provided in Article FOURTEENTH hereof. I direct that the devise and the bequest to my Trustees hereinbefore in this

or in whole to income, or in part to principal and in part to income, of said balance of my estate or of the trust hereby created as my Executors or my Trustees, as the case may be, other than my wife, shall in their sole and absolute discretion determine.

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E. Any receipt not hereinbefore in this Article TWENTY-FIRST referred to which could be deemed to be either principal or income shall be deemed to be in whole principal, or in whole income, or in part principal and in part income, of said balance of my estate or of the trust hereby created, and any cost not hereinbefore in this Article TWENTY-FIRST referred to which could be charged to either principal or income shall be charged in whole to principal, or in whole to income, or in part to principal and in part to income, of said balance of my estate or of the trust hereby created, as my Executors or my Trustees, as the case may be, other than my wife, shall in their sole and absolute discretion determine.

F. Upon the termination of the trust hereby created, any income which shall have accrued, but which shall not have been collected, prior to the date of such termination shall not be apportioned and shall pass as income to the next succeeding interest or estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 14th day of January, 1959.

Harry Truman (L.S.)
Harry Truman

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The foregoing, consisting of twenty-two pages, including this page, each of the first twenty pages of which was initialed prior to the execution hereof by the above-named Testator HARRY S. TRUMAN, was signed, sealed, published and declared by said Testator as and for his Last Will and Testament in our presence and hearing, and we thereupon, at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each other, subscribed our names as witnesses this 14th day of January 1959.

Arthur W. [unclear] residing at Kansas City, Mo.

John D. [unclear] residing at Kansas City, Mo.

Myron C. [unclear] residing at Kansas City, Mo.

EISENHOWER
LIBRARY

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PICTURE OF EISENHOWER CENTER

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DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY



EISENHOWER CENTER
(Library, Museum, Family Home,
Chapel, Visitors Center)

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY

Abilene, Kansas

CONSTRUCTED BY: Eisenhower Foundation; Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Eisenhower Foundation; Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission; State of Kansas; public and private donations.

APPROXIMATE COST: \$2 million for the library building; \$956,000 for the museum building.

DEDICATION DATE: Museum, November 11, 1954; library, May 1, 1962

SITE: 14.5 acres maintained by GSA

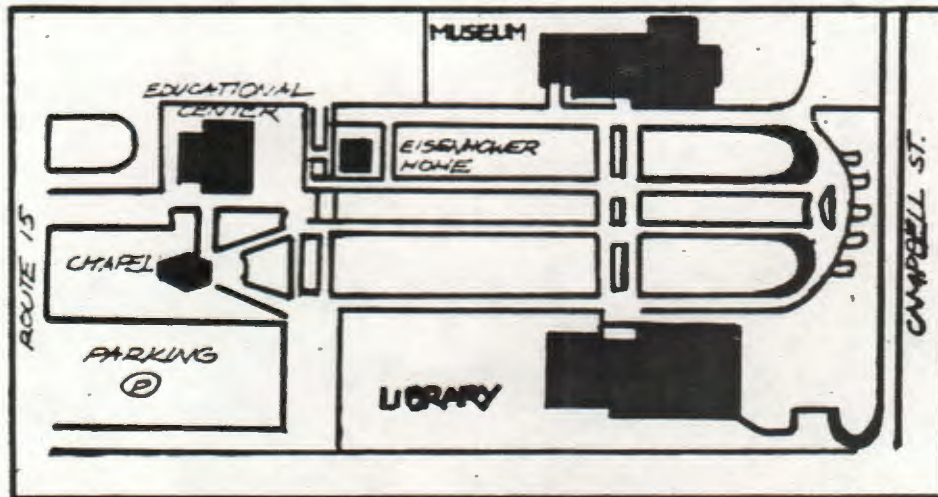
BUILDINGS: 75,000 square feet of floor space

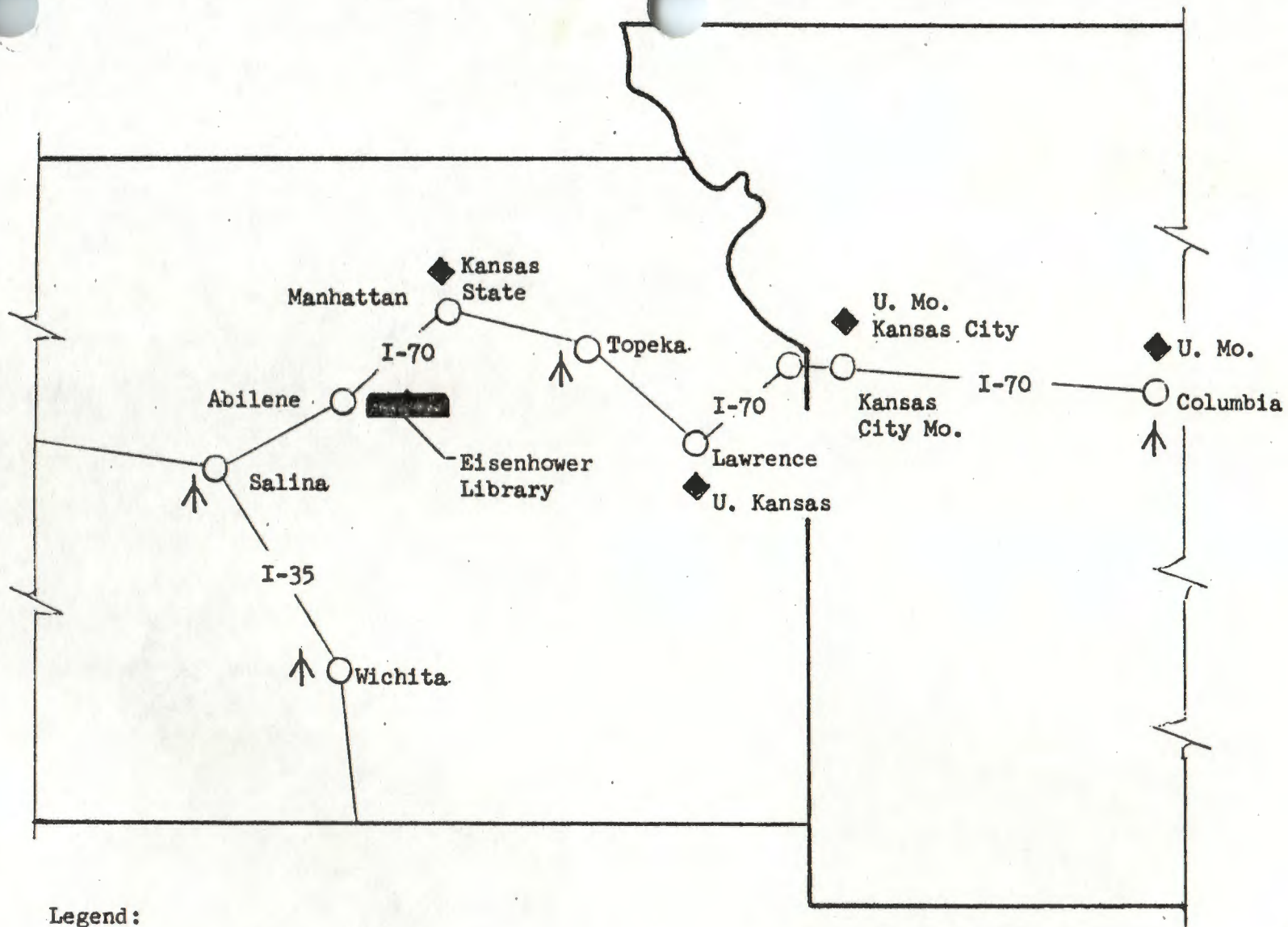
IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS: \$1,610,000 for an addition to the museum building in 1971 and for construction of the Visitors Center in 1975.

President and Mrs. Eisenhower are interred in the Place of Meditation.





DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

ABILENE
KANSAS





Legend:

-  Library
-  Major College Or University
-  Metropolitan Area
-  Scheduled Air Service

Mileage From Abilene:

Columbia Mo.	260
Kansas City Mo.	150
Lawrence	115
Topeka	90
Manhattan	46
Salina	25
Wichita	110



PRINCIPAL LIBRARY HOLDINGS
September 30, 1980

<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>Personal Papers</u> (millions of pages)		<u>Still Photos</u> (Items)	<u>Film</u> (Feet)	<u>Video</u> <u>Tape</u> (Hours)	<u>Museum</u> <u>Objects</u>	<u>Books &</u> <u>Series</u>	<u>Oral</u> <u>History</u> (pages)
	<u>Presidential</u>	<u>Total</u>						
Hoover	1.1	5.6	24,500	40	3	4,100	46,900	9,500
Roosevelt	10.5	15.7	126,600	303,400	10	22,100	77,300	2,900
Truman	6.3	12.1	73,900	301,900	17	18,500	111,200	36,800
Eisenhower	8.8	18.2	104,900	597,700	10	26,600	50,300	21,900
Kennedy	6.8	27.3	116,200	6,022,000	166	13,900	48,800	29,600
Johnson	15.7	25.4	556,900	803,700	4,600	37,700	25,600	35,300
Ford	11.6	14.7	310,000	700,000	882	6,800	7,400	----

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES

RESEARCHERS

Applications Approved/Person Days

<u>Activity</u>	<u>FY 1975</u>	<u>FY 1976</u>	<u>FY 1977</u>	<u>FY 1978</u>	<u>FY 1979</u>	<u>FY 1980</u>
Hoover	71/ 498	67/ 754	43/ 427	59/ 528	89/ 958	113/ 614
Roosevelt	394/1,361	438/1,770	392/1,303	381/1,535	332/1,097	512/1,603
Truman	190/ 880	298/1,299	293/ 886	198/ 985	245/ 785	303/ 984
Eisenhower	100/ 390	130/ 625	90/ 484	106/ 496	97/ 527	116/ 625
Kennedy	158/ 682	160/ 728	211/1,123	208/ 878	172/ 785	610/1,419
Johnson	163/1,243	142/1,055	235/1,297	152/1,797	176/1,533	190/1,618
Ford	---	---	---	---	19/ 122	32/ 119
TOTALS	1,076/5,054	1,235/6,231	1,264/5,520	1,104/6,219	1,130/5,807	1,876/6,982

MUSEUM VISITORS TO PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARIES

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Hoover</u>	<u>Roosevelt</u>	<u>Truman</u>	<u>Eisenhower</u>	<u>Kennedy</u>	<u>Johnson</u>	<u>Total</u>
1962		22,388	105,650	131,000			259,038
1963		111,675	140,503	140,762			392,940
1964	36,434	161,469	155,053	101,988			454,944
1965	60,000	177,536	179,890	91,891			509,317
1966	95,713	180,915	193,045	93,496			563,169
1967	74,778	159,363	180,824	139,427			554,392
1968	79,271	157,116	170,671	148,179			555,237
1969	80,000	164,300	165,300	364,750			774,350
1970	89,439	162,423	182,823	449,631			884,316
1971	71,635	160,295	186,174	263,234		80,740	762,078
1972	81,989	185,138	187,866	318,684		676,549	1,450,226
1973	82,870	194,194	340,818	299,741		704,180	1,621,803
1974	84,009	194,314	264,230	215,586		542,717	1,300,856
1975	106,112	188,106	291,180	197,727		520,985	1,304,110
1976	97,342	213,766	351,210	199,099		683,810	1,545,227
1976-TQ*	50,872	109,907	159,374	96,433		221,434	638,020
1977	91,334	371,514	324,136	177,242		657,907	1,622,133
1978	95,418	276,865	264,714	170,172		502,115	1,309,284
1979	69,778	215,582	219,067	127,026		480,521	1,111,974
1980	64,606	241,459	201,639	143,910	563,470	446,062	1,661,146

*In FY 1976, there was an extra "Transition Quarter" from July 1 to September 30, 1977. Since that time, the fiscal year begins on October 1 and concludes on September 30. Prior to FY 1976, the fiscal year began on July 1 and ended on June 30.

THE DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER LIBRARY

During the closing months of World War II, a group of eminent persons from across the nation organized the Eisenhower Foundation. The State of Kansas granted the Foundation (limited to 29 people) a non-profit corporation charter on July 23, 1945, with the aim of honoring veterans of the Second World War. Subsequently, as the Foundation developed, it focused more and more on recognizing and memorializing the achievements of General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

The Foundation's first major work concerned the Eisenhower family home in Abilene, Kansas. In 1946, after the General's mother died, he and his brothers deeded the family home in Abilene to the Foundation to be operated and preserved for the benefit of the public. The Foundation opened the home to the public in June, 1947.

General Eisenhower later designated the Foundation as the recipient of his military mementoes and trophies. From 1946 to 1952 the Foundation was unsuccessful in its fund raising efforts because it was unable to tap large contributors. When General Eisenhower became a national political figure and Joyce Hall, Hallmark Card founder, and Senator Harry Darby took charge, large contributors were easily attracted and fund raising was more successful. With their increased ability they first raised funds for a museum to be erected on property adjacent to the family home. General Eisenhower laid the museum's cornerstone on June 6, 1952 on his return from Europe for the Presidential campaign of that year. President Eisenhower dedicated the museum on November 11, 1954.

During President Eisenhower's first term of office, the Foundation announced plans to build a Presidential library in Abilene with the assurance of the President that he could deposit his papers there. Plans were laid in 1957 for a state-by-state campaign to raise funds for the library, with the national goal being three million dollars.

A special Santa Fe train brought business and industrial leaders and others to Abilene on February 26, 1958, for the opening of the drive. The campaign won bipartisan support, with former President Truman giving it his endorsement, and the governors of each state establishing fund raising organizations in their own states. These committees first approached large corporate and private donations and later enlarged the campaign to 18,000 individual donors. Direct mail, newspapers and other media ads were used as well as campaigns through the schools.

The State of Kansas supported the effort by establishing the Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission with the power of eminent domain. The Commission assumed responsibility for acquiring and landscaping the site. The Kansas State Architect supervised the design and construction of the building, and the legislature appropriated \$275,000.

In all, the individual contributions and the Kansas State appropriation amounted to approximately three million dollars. Ground was broken on October 13, 1959, but actual construction of the library did not begin until February, 1960. Many firms donated materials, and a railroad donated part of its right-of-way. The building was substantially completed by September, 1961. The cost, including landscaping, was approximately two million dollars.

The Dwight D. Eisenhower Library was dedicated on May 1, 1962, with the former President participating in the ceremony. At that time, the Administrator of General Services formally accepted the library, making it part of the national archival system. General Eisenhower's papers, which he offered to the Administrator in 1960, were transferred to the library in increments. The first installment was sent in 1961; the last arrived after his death in 1969.

In 1966, the Eisenhower Foundation deeded to the United States for administration by the General Services Administration both the Eisenhower Museum and the family home. Together with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, they form the Eisenhower Center at Abilene.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 13, 1960

Dear Mr. Floete:

The papers of a President, which from the time of George Washington have been regarded as the personal property of the President, have, inescapably, a direct and important association with the history of our country. Believing that they should be permanently and generally available for study, I desire that my papers should be made so available and believe that this can best be done through a Presidential archival depository, as provided by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

The Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission, an agency of the State of Kansas, now has under construction in the City of Abilene a library building, financed by public subscription, where it is proposed to house my Presidential and other papers. This building is appropriately situated on land adjacent to my boyhood home and to a museum, both of which are maintained by the Eisenhower Foundation, a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of Kansas.

When the Library building has been completed, the Commission intends to present it, together with equipment and grounds, as a gift to the United States, on condition that the United States will maintain and operate this Library as a Presidential archival depository under the provisions of the above cited Act.

Therefore, in furtherance of this plan and in accordance with the provisions of that Act, I now offer as a gift to the United States such of my papers and other documentary materials as are hereinafter described, on condition that these papers and materials will be accepted, preserved, and made available by the United States under the following terms:

1. Upon the close of my term in office, I shall cause to be transferred to the United States for deposit in the Library at Abilene the bulk of my papers in the White House office, estimated to include several million documents.
2. Other documents, still in my possession, including the remainder of my Presidential papers, the papers accumulated by me before my inauguration as President, and other documentary materials, including books, still pictures, motion pictures, and sound recordings, shall be transferred to the United States for deposit in said Library from time to time as shall be agreed upon by the Administrator of General Services or his representative and me or my representative, except those papers and other documentary materials which shall, before or after my leaving the Office of President, be determined by me or my representative to be excluded from this offer by reason of private or personal interest in such papers or materials on my part or on the part of a member of my family.
3. The offer of the papers and other materials described in paragraphs 1 and 2 hereof is conditioned upon acceptance by the United States of the offer of the land and buildings comprising the Eisenhower Library at Abilene, Kansas, and upon its agreement to maintain and operate the Library at all times thereafter as a Presidential archival depository for the storage of such papers and other materials, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, such acceptance and agreement to be effected within 90 days after the end of the period described in the second proviso to section 507(f) (1) of said Act.
4. All papers and other documentary materials which shall be transferred to the United States pursuant to the foregoing shall be kept in the Library permanently, subject to the right of the Administrator of General Services in his discretion (a) to make temporary loans thereof to such persons, organizations, or institutions as he shall determine, (b) to

dispose by sale, exchange, or otherwise of any such papers or documentary materials which the Archivist of the United States may determine to have no permanent or historical interest or to be surplus to the needs of said Library, and (c) to remove from said Library any or all such papers or documentary materials if he deems it necessary to preserve them from threatened destruction.

5. All papers and other documentary materials transferred to the United States pursuant to the foregoing shall be accessible at all reasonable times to me, my son, my representative, or to other persons authorized in writing by me or my son to have access to such papers.
6. It is my purpose to make the papers and other documentary materials donated to the United States by the terms of this instrument available for purposes of serious research as soon as possible and to the fullest extent possible. However, since the President of the United States is the recipient of many confidences from others, and since the inviolability of such confidences is essential to the functioning of the office of the Presidency, it will be necessary to withhold from public scrutiny certain papers and classes of papers for varying periods of time. In pursuance of this objective and in accordance with the provisions of Section 507(f) (3) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended, conditions are imposed on the use of my papers as provided in paragraphs 7 through 10 immediately following.
7. Subsequent to the execution of this instrument, the Administrator of General Services shall have the papers that are transferred to the United States reviewed and shall place under seal the following classes of materials:
 - a. Papers that are security-classified pursuant to law or Executive Order, until such classification shall be removed.
 - b. Papers the use of which may be prejudicial to the maintenance of good relations with foreign nations.

- c. Papers containing statements made by or to me in confidence.
 - d. Papers relating to my family or private business affairs, and papers relating to the families or private business affairs of persons who have had correspondence with me.
 - e. Papers containing statements about individuals which might be used to injure or harass them or members of their families.
 - f. Such other individual files as I, or my representative, or the Administrator of General Services may specify.
8. Papers placed under seal shall not be made available to anyone or their contents divulged to anyone (including public officials) except (a) persons authorized under the terms of paragraph 5 above, and (b) officials and employees of the National Archives and Records Service when performing essential archival work processes on such papers under the supervision of the Administrator of General Services.
9. All papers placed under seal in accordance with the foregoing provisions shall be reexamined from time to time by officials and employees of the National Archives and Records Service under the direction of the Administrator of General Services and, subject to approval by me or my representative, shall be opened to research use as soon as the passage of time or other circumstances have removed the conditions that required that they be put under seal.
10. All competent private persons interested in using my papers for serious scholarly research shall be granted equal access to those that are not withheld from use according to the foregoing, subject to the regulations issued by the Administrator of General Services governing the use of papers and other documentary materials in the Library.

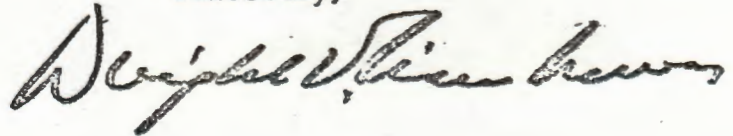
11. Title to my papers and other documentary materials and the literary property rights in my papers, shall pass to the United States as such papers and materials are transferred to the United States under the terms and conditions herein expressed, except that I reserve to myself and to my heirs (a) a right to make any use of any of these papers in writing for publication, and (b) literary property rights in any works that I have written or may hereafter write for publication. These reservations include the right to license any publisher of any such work.

12. My representative for purposes of paragraphs 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9 shall be such person or persons as I may designate in a letter filed with the Administrator of General Services. In the event that at any time after my death there should be no representative so designated, my representative shall be my son John Eisenhower, or such person or persons as he may designate in the same manner.

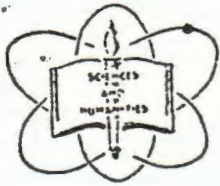
The detailed conditions described in this letter have been drawn up in accordance with known precedents and with the cooperation of officials of your office and of the National Archives. Permit me to express my deep appreciation of the help that all these individuals have given me.

With personal regard,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Dwight D. Eisenhower". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed word "Sincerely,".

The Honorable Franklin Floete
Administrator of General Services
Washington, D.C.



The Eisenhower Presidential
Library Commission
State of Kansas

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Prepared by:	
Signed:	
Date:	
Abilene, Kansas sent to	
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NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.

April 7, 1960

Dear Mr. Floete:

As Chairman of The Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission and pursuant to a formal resolution of the Commission (copy attached) authorizing me so to do, I hereby offer the Eisenhower Presidential Library to the United States of America for utilization as a Presidential archival depository and further offer, subject to the existence of authority therefor in the Library Commission by the Laws of Kansas, to convey the said Library to the United States, as a gift, for a Presidential archival depository, all as provided in the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1940, (69 Stat. 695), which provides for the acceptance and maintenance of Presidential libraries. The Eisenhower Presidential Library property includes approximately nine acres of land, described in Exhibit F attached hereto, the buildings located thereon and all related equipment.

In July, 1945, a non-profit corporation, known as the Eisenhower Foundation, was created. One of the purposes of this corporation is to own and operate the President's boyhood home in Abilene, Kansas. In addition, the public spirited officers and trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation obtained, by voluntary subscriptions, sufficient funds to build the Eisenhower Museum. This museum is located adjacent to the President's boyhood home and was completed in 1954. This museum contains over two million dollars worth of artifacts covering the President's personal life, his military life and his experience as Chief Executive.

The officers and trustees of the Eisenhower Foundation sponsored the creation of the Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission under the laws of the State of Kansas. This action is set forth in detail in Chapter 358 of the Laws of Kansas, 1955. The purposes of said law are fully set forth in the preamble of the above referred to chapter and the same are made a part thereof. Thereafter, the Legislature of the State of Kansas enlarged the authority of this Commission during the 1957 and 1959 sessions. These statutes are now set forth in R. S. 74-4601-5, 1959 Supplement to the General Statutes of Kansas, 1949.

There are attached Exhibits A, B, C, D, E and F, which are by reference made a part hereof. These exhibits illustrate and identify the properties. Exhibit A is the architect's drawing of the entire Eisenhower Center,

As it will appear when completed, including the home, museum and library unit. The Eisenhower Presidential Library is the property specifically under discussion here. Exhibit B is a drawing of the library as it will appear when completed. Exhibits C and D show the floor plans of the library as prepared under the direction and supervision of John E. Brink, the State Architect of Kansas. Exhibit E is drawn to scale, showing tracts of real estate. Exhibit F is a complete legal description of the library tract of approximately nine acres. The remaining four acre tract, which includes the President's home and museum, belongs to and shall remain the property of the Eisenhower Foundation.

The entire Eisenhower Center, which includes the Eisenhower boyhood home, museum and Presidential Library, is located within the city limits of Abilene, Kansas, and near the south edge thereof. The Presidential home is adjacent to the Lincoln Grade School and is one block east of Buckeye Avenue, which is the main north and south street through the City of Abilene, Kansas. Buckeye Avenue extends north through the City of Abilene to U. S. Interstate #70. U. S. Interstate #70 is a new east and west four-lane highway, which is replacing U. S. Highway #40. It is reached at the north city limits of Abilene. The Kansas Highway Commission and the City of Abilene are now widening and rebuilding south Buckeye Avenue. Buckeye Avenue is also a part of Kansas Highway #15, an all-weather main highway running north and south through the State of Kansas, and reaching points such as Newton and Wichita. This will assure a very fine and permanent highway leading directly to the entire Eisenhower Center. The Eisenhower Museum and Home have attracted some 150,000 visitors annually.

The library building itself was designed under the direction of the Commission's official architect, John E. Brink, State Architect. Mr. Brink obtained the help, advice and assistance of numerous professional persons and the Archivist of the United States. The building is now in the process of construction and will consist of some 55,000 square feet of floor space. It is of native Kansas limestone, with marble floors, and doors, and windows of ornamental bronze. This Contemporary Classic structure will be air-conditioned throughout. It will also house the personal papers of many of President Eisenhower's associates and contemporaries.

Under the laws of the State of Kansas, as hereinbefore recited, the Eisenhower Presidential Library Commission was authorized to acquire in the name of the State certain initial tracts of land and was further authorized to acquire by purchase, condemnation, gift or otherwise such additional tracts of land as may be needed in order to complete the entire unit. The Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad donated a tract of real estate so that the unit would be complete.

You are further advised that construction of the library is now rapidly moving forward and the entire unit when completed will have a value of approximately \$3,000,000.00. The Eisenhower Library Commission accepts full responsibility for the acquisition of real estate, for the completion of the library, for the grading, planting and beautification of grounds and the same shall be free and clear of all encumbrances or other obligations when final transfer is consummated.

Mr. Floete

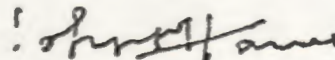
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The Commission solicits your patience and indulgence pending the completion of all construction work and the completion of acquisitions now in progress. The Commission, through its agents and employees, will complete all of the details, including the grading and planting of grounds, which can have attention only after the construction work has been completed. There are matters of detail which can best be settled by agreements and arrangements entered into and modified from time to time by the Commission and the appropriate officials of the United States. The conditions of acceptance shall be in conformity to the provisions of law as set forth in the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act, as amended, and particularly as set forth in Public Law 373, 84th Congress.

This offer covers the use of the Presidential Library property, subject only to Federal statutes and the limitations of authority by the laws of the State of Kansas mentioned above. This offer involves the transfer of fee simple title to such property, including land, buildings and equipment, to the Federal Government upon the completion of the project. The Kansas Legislature and the State officials have heretofore cooperated unanimously in this project and have indicated their desire to further cooperate in directing full and complete transfer of title in the next session of January, 1961.

Our Commission is greatly indebted to its State Architect, John E. Brink, and his associates, and particularly to the Honorable Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, for their wise counsel and assistance in the planning of this project.

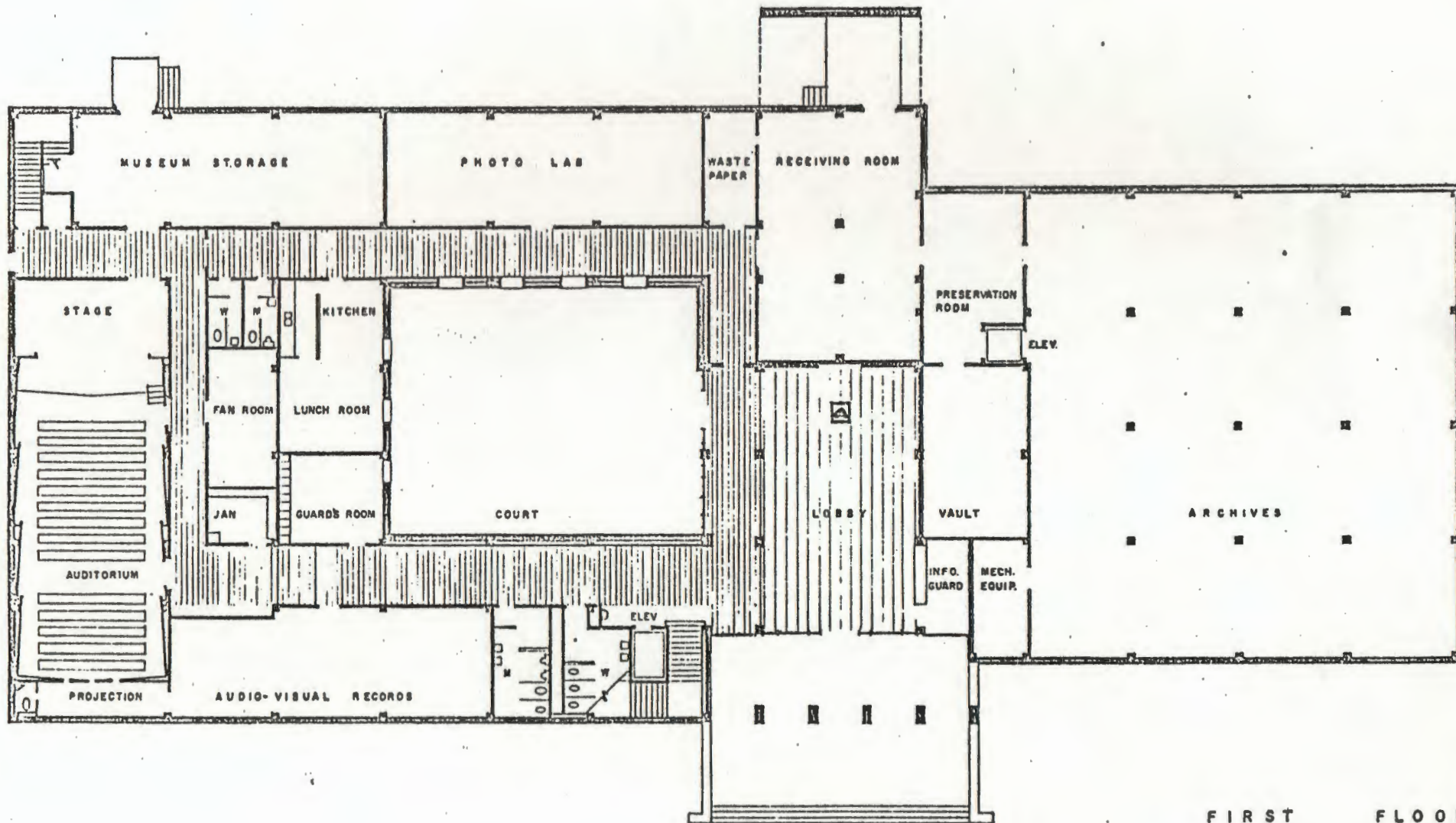
Respectfully yours,



John P. Harris, Chairman
The Eisenhower Presidential Library
Commission of the State of Kansas

The Honorable Franklin Floete
Administrator of General Services
General Services Administration
Washington 25, D. C.

Exhibit "C"



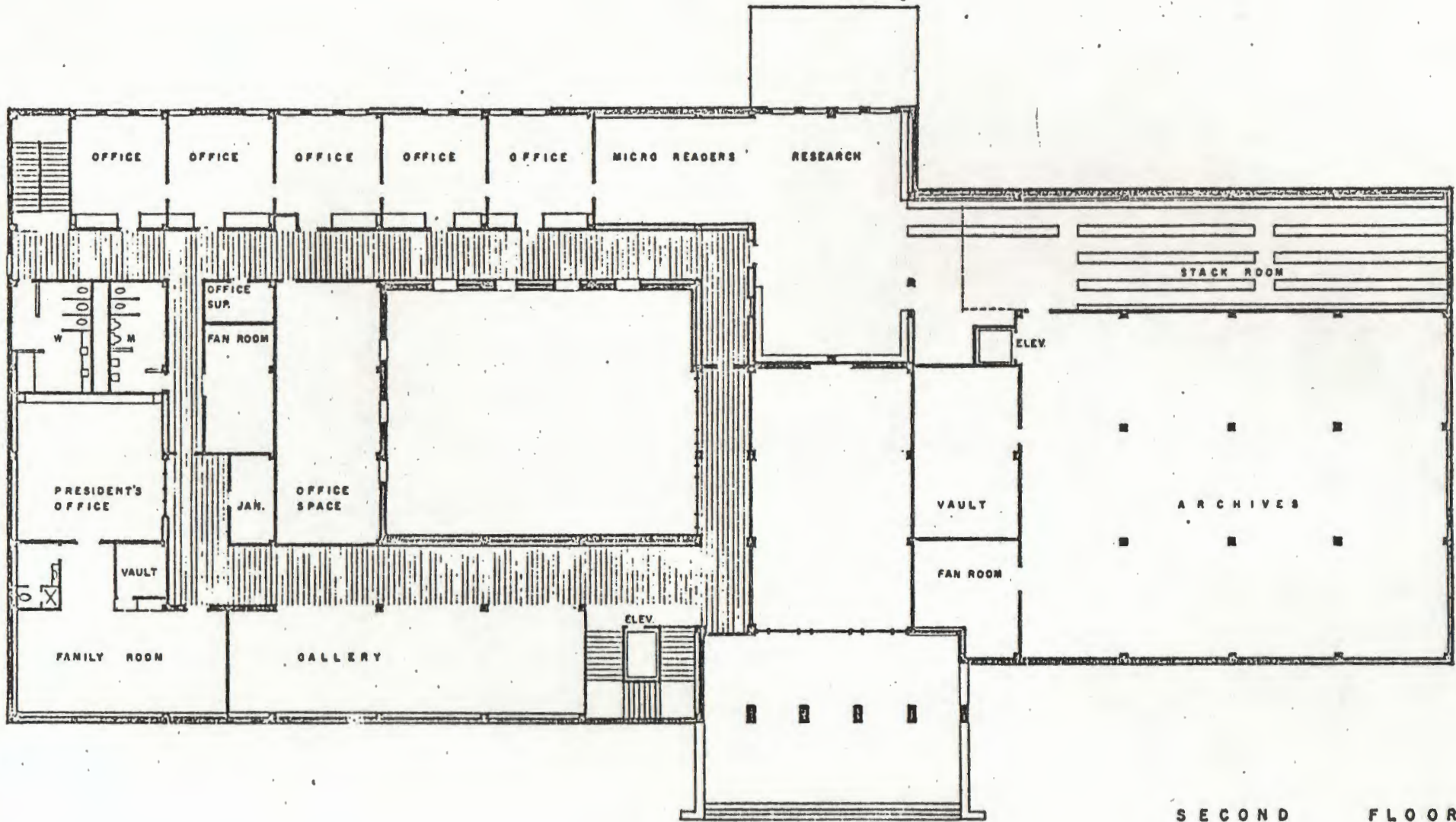
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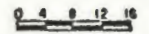
EISENHOWER LIBRARY
ABILENE KANSAS

JOHN E. BRINK, ST. ARCHITECT

JULY 15,



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EISENHOWER LIBRARY
ABILENE KANSAS

JOHN E. BRINK STATE ARCHITECT

JULY 15, 1955

1/2 DIVISION

SANTA FE R.R. RIGHT OF WAY

BUCKEYE AVE

3RD STREET

SCHOOL
GROUNDS

KUNEY ST.

EISENHOWER FOUNDATION
MUSEUM GROUNDS

HOME

LAND
BEING
ACQUIRED

CAMPBELL ST.

4TH.

STREET

LAND BEING
ACQUIRED

LIBRARY GROUNDS

LIBRARY

BRIDGE
BLDG

ROCK ISLAND R.R. RIGHT OF WAY

5TH STREET

1260'

324'

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SCALE 1"=200'

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of

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER,
of Gettysburg,
Pennsylvania.

LAW OFFICES OF

112 BALTIMORE STREET

DOLLARS (\$1,000) to his wife, DOLORES MOANEY, if she survives
me.

THIRD: I give and bequeath all of my tangible
personal property, except such "Writings" and "Uncompleted
Writings" which are the subject of a certain License Agreement
dated February 25, 1961, between Doubleday & Company, Inc.,
and myself, as follows:

(a) To the LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART
(POLLY FIRESTONE WING), Exposition Park, Los Angeles,
California, the portrait of me done by Andrew Wyeth in 1957.

(b) To my wife, MAMIE DOUD EISENHOWER, if she
survives me, or if she does not survive me, then to my son,
JOHN S. D. EISENHOWER, or if he does not survive me, then
in equal shares to his children living on the date of my
death:

1. All farm equipment, livestock and
produce;
2. All furniture, furnishings and other
articles of household use or ornament;
3. All automobiles and their accessories
and equipment;
4. All clothing and other articles of
personal use and adornment other than jewelry and
accessories;
5. All papers and other literary
materials which are excluded from my will
hereinafter made to the United States of America.

(c) To the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for deposit
in the Eisenhower Presidential Library at Abilene, Kansas,
All of my papers and other documents and materials including

books, still pictures, motion pictures and sound recordings, to be held by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the same uses and upon the same terms and conditions as are set forth in my letter dated April 13, 1960, to the Honorable Franklin Floete, Administrator of General Services, Washington, D. C., excepting therefrom, however, those papers and other documentary materials which shall have been determined by me or shall be determined by my son, JOHN S. D. EISENHOWER, or in the event he predeceases me, by LIEUTENANT GENERAL A. J. GOODPASTER, to be of private or personal interest to me or to a member of my family.

(d) To the EISENHOWER FOUNDATION, Abilene, Kansas, all of the rest of my tangible personal property, including but not limited to my jewelry, sporting equipment, Steuben glass, office furniture, furnishings, pictures and other articles of office use or ornament, my souvenirs, medals, decorations, flags, swords, arms and equipment and other articles presented to me by any government or by any head or representative of a government or by any private, civic or public organization, and any bequests made under other provisions of this Article THIRD of my Last Will and Testament, which shall lapse or which the donee thereof shall disclaim, or which shall otherwise be an ineffective disposition thereunder.

(e) My Executors are hereby authorized and empowered in their absolute and sole discretion to determine the nature and allocation of my tangible personal property among the donees hereinabove named, and their decision thereon shall be final and conclusive upon all persons and

organizations interested in my Estate.

FOURTH: In the event my wife, MAMIE DOUD EISENHOWER, predeceases me, I give, devise and bequeath the real property owned by me and located in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, together with all the buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances thereto, to my son, JOHN S. D. EISENHOWER, if he survives me.

FIFTH: On February 23, 1961, I, as "the Author," entered into a License Agreement with Doubleday & Company, Inc., as "the Publisher," under which I granted and assigned to Doubleday & Company, Inc. certain rights to "Writings" and "Uncompleted Writings" of mine as therein defined. In the event that this License Agreement is in effect at the time of my death, I authorize my Executors, subject to the terms and conditions of said License Agreement, to transfer to Doubleday & Company, Inc., all such "Writings" of mine which are either uncompleted or, if completed, have not been delivered to Doubleday & Company, Inc.

SIXTH: I give and bequeath unto MERCANTILE-SAVE DEPOSIT AND TRUST COMPANY, of Baltimore, Maryland, and JOHN S. D. EISENHOWER, and their successors, as Trustees of the "Non-Marital Trust Share" of a certain Indenture of Trust created by me as Settlor on September 27, 1961, and as amended by me on May 5, 1965, all of my right, title and interest in that certain "License Agreement" dated February 23, 1961, between me as "the Author" and Doubleday & Company, Inc., of Garden City, New York, as "the Publisher," and I direct that all advances, royalties, earnings, recoveries and other payments made to my said Trustees pursuant to said

Last Will and Testament

of

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, declare this to be a Codicil to my Last Will and Testament dated May 25, 1965.

FIRST: I revoke Sub-paragraph (c) of Paragraph THIRD of my said Will and in lieu thereof direct that the following Sub-paragraph be substituted:

" (c) To the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for deposit in the Eisenhower Presidential Library at Abilene, Kansas, all of my papers and other documentary materials, including books, still pictures, motion pictures and sound recordings, to be held by the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA for the same uses and upon the same terms and conditions as are set forth in my letter dated April 13, 1960, to the Honorable Franklin Floete, Administrator of General Services, Washington, D. C., excepting therefrom, however, those papers and other documentary materials which shall have been determined by me to be of private or personal interest to me or to a member of my family."

SECOND: In all other respects I ratify and confirm my Will dated May 25, 1965.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this 21 day of October, 1966.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
Dwight D. Eisenhower

SIGNED, SEALED, PUBLISHED AND DECLARED
by the above-named Testator, DWIGHT D.
EISENHOWER, as and for a Codicil to his
Last Will and Testament, in the presence
of us and each of us, and we, at his
request and in his presence and in the
presence of each other, have hereunto
subscribed our names as witnesses the
day and year last above written.

Arthur M. Stetzel residing at R.D. 533
Gettysburg, Pa.

Lillian H. Brown residing at High Street
Cochran, Pa.

Robert G. Webb residing at 22 - Lincoln Street
New York, N.Y.