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Dean Whitehouse:

The following is a memorandum of our conversation of June 15, relative to the matter of obtaining a larger building for the Department of Psychology.

When we moved into the present building at 436 Putnam Avenue, we all realized at the time that it was inadequate to take care of both office and laboratory needs. It has served quite satisfactorily on the office side; however, from the laboratory side, we have never had enough room to carry on our normal student experimental work. The fourth floor, or attic, is too hot to be used in late spring, summer, and early fall. The basement is so damp and cool that we can make very little use of it. We have established a good dark room and a good "quiet" room in this basement, but we can keep students here only for a short period of time. So you can readily see that our usable space is very limited, indeed.

I believe that we have your good regard for the development of experimental psychology here at Wayne. You will appreciate, I am sure, the desire of this department to make psychology more experimental and a little less bookish. As in all science, we start with direct observation of the things we wish to study. No book can give this indirect observation, of course.

We hope after the war to encourage many more students to take some kind of experimental work in the psychology laboratories. This will demand much more equipment than we have now and, of necessity, much more space. As there will normally be an increase in enrollment to be expected, you can well understand our need for a larger building.

In case the university acquires new ground and buildings, may we put in our application for one of these larger buildings, a building which will be much more adequate to our purposes.

Truly yours,

E. B. Skeggs

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P.S. I am sending a copy of this letter, also, to Executive Vice President Henry.

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