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Attention: Mr. C. Smellie, Supt. Mechanical Utilities

Dear Mr. Smellie:

This will confirm our conversation concerning various problems referred to this Branch by the Association of University and College Employees.

1. Library Processing Centre, 1st Floor, Prebindery Division

The problem here is related to the disturbing noise produced by the xerox machine and paper cutter. (noise level 70 dBA)

Consideration should be given to relocating this equipment to the existing photocopy room adjacent to the lunch room.

2. Faculty of Law Building

a) Room 130

The problem of excessive heat and inadequate ventilation seems to have been resolved by the rearrangement of the work stations.

b) Rooms 147 and 151

The reported high room temperature in room 147 and low room temperature in room 151 would indicate the need for balancing of the systems serving these areas.

3. Buchanan Tower, 6th Floor mimeo room

Improved ventilation is required in this area to improve the air quality. Special attention should be applied to the collection of air-borne contaminants produced by the Gestetner machine. 4. <u>General Services Administration Building - Admissions</u> Section of the Registrar's Office

a) Improved ventilation and temperature control is required to provide acceptable air quality and to maintian room
air temperatures within the recognized comfort range.
(20 - 25° C)

b) Noise level readings at the time of inspection (Max 67 dBA) would indicate that no action is required.

c) The problem of over crowding and hampered mobility is an internal administration problem. This could possibly be improved by the rearrangement of some work stations.

d) Access to exits in case of emergency could be improved by assuring that all access routes are kept clear at all times allowing a minimum three foot wide clear passage.

e) Exposed telephone wires and electrical cables on the floor do not appear to contravene existing regulations. No tripping hazards in traffic areas were observed during the inspection.

f) The quality and quantity of illumination is in Compliance with the Occupational Environment Regulations. Relocation of some work stations may result in improved visual comfort for those persons affected.

For further information or clarification of the above, please contact the writer.

Yours truly,

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