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February 3, 1969

Dr. Agnes G. Doody
Chairman, Faculty Senate
Watson House, Campus

Dear Agnes:

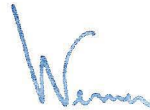
This letter is written in connection with Faculty Senate Bill number 235, titled "Request Office of Institutional Research to Provide Welfare Committee with Statistics Concerning Fringe Benefits at URI and Comparable Institutions." I have approved this bill with the statement "with qualifications in separate letter." This is that letter.

The collection of the requested data may be troublesome. Nevertheless, the request can probably be accommodated if it ends there.

There is serious difficulty in comparing such data from different institutions. This was recognized by the Faculty Welfare Committee in its Report Number 34, 1967-68, dated March 13, 1968, in which the Committee comments as follows: "Because of the complexity of the information and the differences in quality of the data received, the Committee made no attempt to compare the benefits received under the various plans."

May I suggest that appropriate representatives of the Faculty Senate work directly with the Assistant Vice President for Analysis and Planning in establishing the desired data-gathering scheme.

Cordially,



Werner A. Baum
President

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cc: Vice President Pollack
Assistant Vice President Sullivan