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Dear Admiral:

Late last week we learned that after months of effort Douglas Pike has now gotten agreement within the University of California bureaucracy to ship his papers to Texas Tech. He felt certain all along that they were his personal possessions and not under the University's control, but folks here were anxious to get some clearance from Berkeley in order to ensure that there wouldn't be any lawsuits after the material had been shipped.

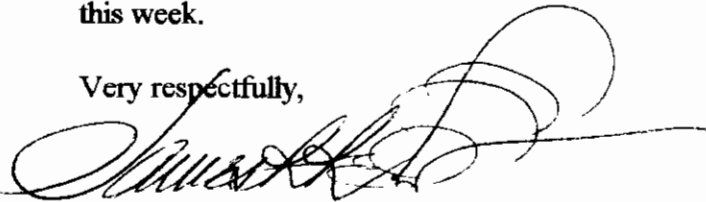
Doug is leaving for Vietnam and Korea this week. When he returns at the beginning of June he will begin packaging the materials for shipment to Texas Tech. We are hopeful that the transfer will occur before the end of the summer. In the meantime, though, we will not seek any publicity for the donation, out of concern that such publicity might excite the interest of others at Berkeley and cause further complications.

I enclose with this letter preliminary drawings for the new Archive building. Details of the plan may well change before it becomes a reality, but this is essentially the way the university sees the project right now. We are still hopeful that we can have a formal ribbon cutting during the 1996 conference. At the same time, I would like to organize a small ceremony for Doug Pike to hand his collection over to you. That would be a nice way to recognize him and at the same time highlight the Archive itself.

We haven't gone any further with the approach to Ross Perot. Our fund-raising people have been fairly insistent that our approach would enjoy greater chance of success if we could say with certainty that the Pike Collection was actually coming to the Vietnam Archive. We can now do that, so we will be going ahead with the effort soon.

Our newsletter will be at the printer's today. We expect to start mailing it out later this week.

Very respectfully,



James R. Reckner

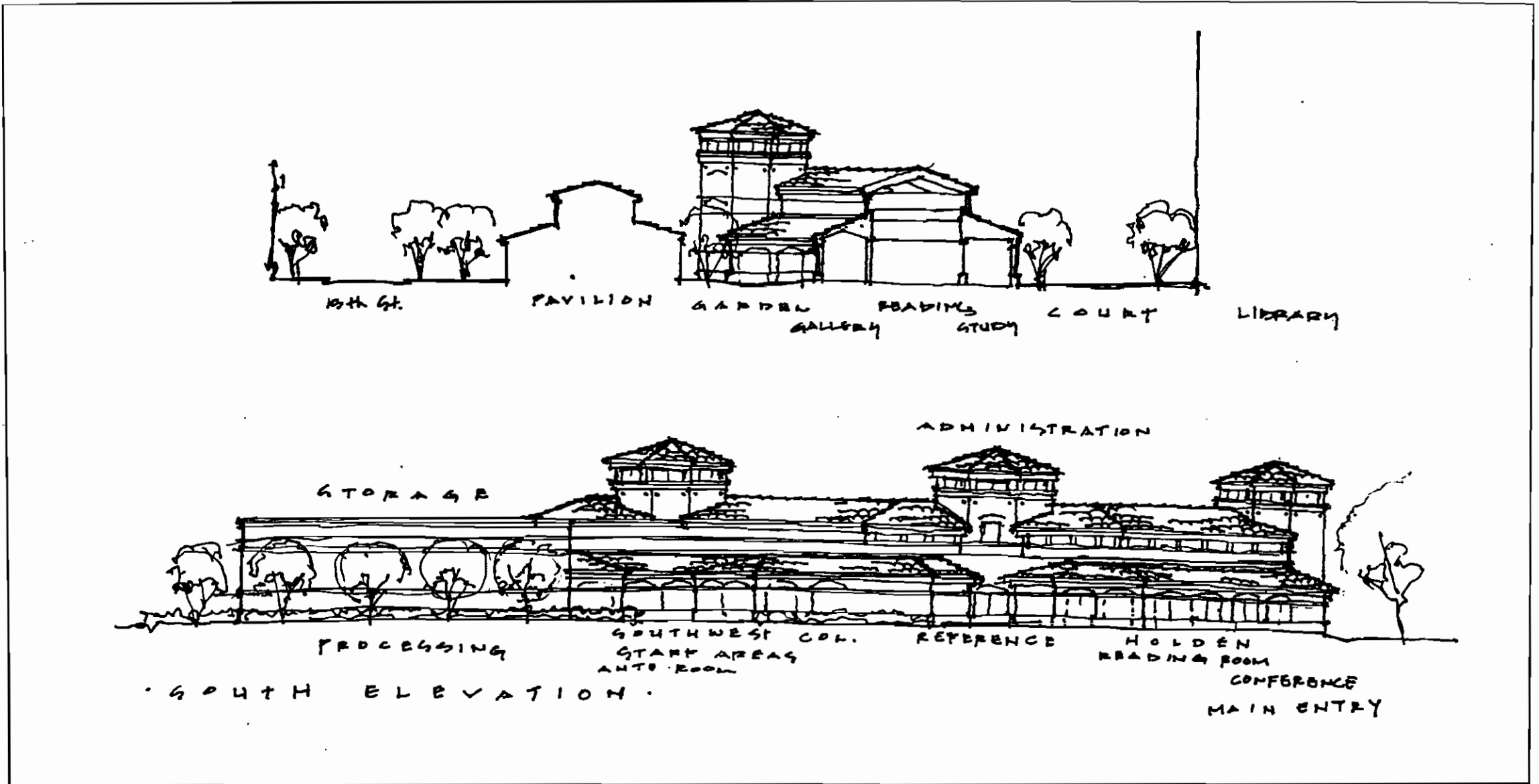
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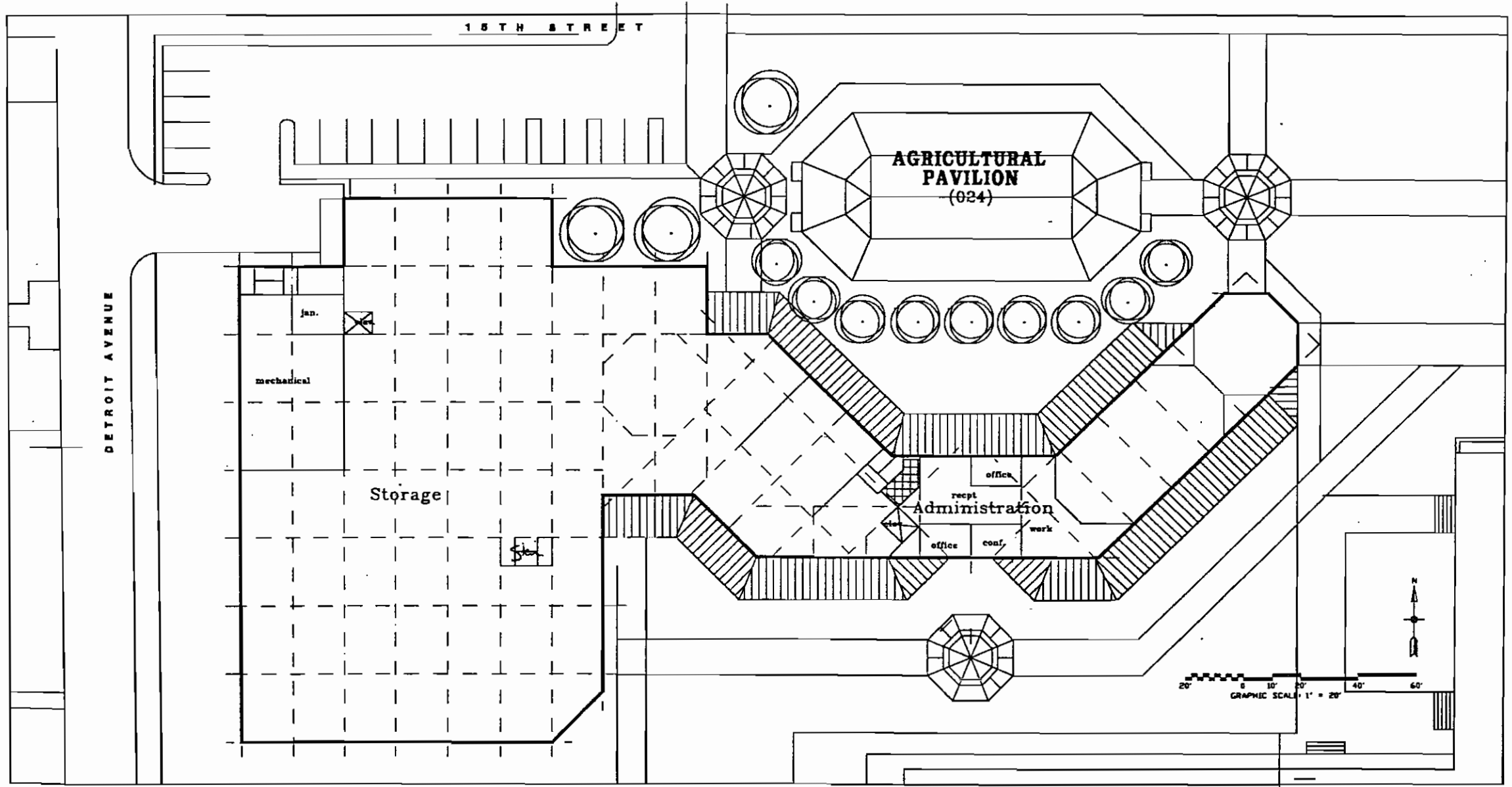
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Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your update of May 9. You are really bringing things in to good shape.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,


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