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Mr. A. L. Parr,
Planning Director,
The Corporation of the District of Burnaby,
Municipal Hall,
4545 E. Grandview-Douglas Highway,
Burnaby 2, B.C.

Re: Proposed Regional Shopping Centre at the Intersection of
North Road and Lougheed Highway

Dear Mr. Parr,

I regret that I cannot comment on the possibility of the University obtaining title to the City of Vancouver land or the use to which this would be put if owned by the University. However, I would like to comment on the proposal for a Regional Shopping Centre at North Road and Lougheed Highway.

In my opinion, this shopping centre would kill the proposal for a major commercial centre to the south of the University, as shown on Project Planner's Simon Fraser Townsite Plan. As you know, I am a very strong proponent of a major townsite as close to the University as possible. What little I know of this shopping centre does not, in any way, fulfill the functions of the commercial centre as shown on the Simon Fraser Townsite Plan. It would move the centre of gravity of the commercial centre far enough away from the University that it would be of little use to the institution.

It is unfortunate that the Provincial Government and the University do not seem to be able to arrive at a decision which will clarify the situation as far as Burnaby is concerned, giving you specific information as to whether the City of Vancouver land is available for the Townsite or is going to be used by the University for other purposes. Unfortunately, there is little I can do in this regard.

I certainly hope that, no matter who is the eventual owner of the land, it will be developed for a townsite. I would urge that the Technical Committee, of which I am a member, recommend to your Council that the application for the Regional Shopping Centre at North Road and Lougheed Highway be turned down.

Yours truly,


Geoffrey Massey

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