

To President Hartung through Mr. Watts
From Ernest Wohletz
Subject Taylor Ranch

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Inter-Office Memorandum

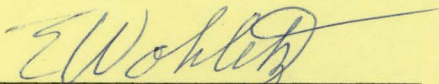
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Dr. Hornocker, who is chairman of our committee concerning the Wilderness Ecological Research Center, talked with Chet Moulton and gathered the following information which is of interest to us.

Chet Moulton argues that the Taylor Ranch is state property and, therefore, should come under the jurisdiction of the State Aeronautics and be operated as a public air field. He indicated that he would request an opinion from the Attorney General.

In view of this I believe that the Board of Regents should be apprised of the fact that he is attempting to make a public air field out of the air strip at the Taylor Ranch. The Board should be prepared to argue the case. Items that could be mentioned would be:

1. The terms of the sale with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.
2. The source of funds used for the purchase.
3. The rights and responsibilities of the Board of Regents in this matter.
4. The fact that the Board of Regents controlled property is not necessarily public property.
5. The fact that public use is not in keeping with the primary purpose of the property which is research. It is actually an off-campus laboratory and should be considered as such.



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