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220 Smith Music Hall

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Thomas Fredrickson, Director  
School of Music

Dear Tom,

Since the proposal for the establishment of an Instructional Materials Center (final draft November 30, 1971) last year, the Music Education Division has reviewed the proposal and decided that they wish to continue administering the Music Education Curriculum Laboratory as a separate operating unit. The original proposal indicated that the large ensembles music (choral, wind, and orchestral parts and sets) would be integrated with the Curriculum Laboratory and operated by the Music Library.

The Music Library concurs with the decision to abandon the Instructional Materials Center plans for the moment. Any long-range planning within the School of Music, however, should reconsider the proposal within the development of new programs and facilities.

Music for large ensembles in the School of Music will continue to be under the jurisdiction of the Music Library. The main service point for large ensembles music will be from the Special Collections area on the second floor of the new building.

The responsibility for acquiring, housing, and servicing music education materials will be divided in the following manner.

Music Education Curriculum Laboratory will be responsible for:

- 1.) School music series books, recordings, and related materials.  
When a series is superseded by a new title, one copy of the old series should be deposited in the Music Library.
- 2.) Instrumental ensemble methods and instructional materials.
- 3.) Music education films, filmstrips, charts, games, and slides used for instructional purposes.
- 4.) Vertical files of materials that are continually updated, discarded, and replaced
  - a.) Curriculum guides
  - b.) Catalogs of dealers and publishers concerned mainly with music education materials
- 5.) Recordings of public school music ensembles
- 6.) Musical tests, workbooks and measurements (Includes musical aptitude tests)

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- 7.) Equipment that is used to illustrate various aspects of instructional technology. (This includes such things as PLATO)
- 8.) Elementary school musical instruments

The Music Library will be responsible for:

- 1.) Music education books and periodicals. These publications will be acquired at a comprehensive research level.
- 2.) Literature about music and recordings for elementary school level will be acquired at a highly selective level. (New school music series titles will be excluded)
- 3.) Methods and instructional materials for solo instruments and voice will be acquired at a level to meet instructional needs.

I would like to offer one observation on these developments. Within the next few years I predict that there will be a conflict between the PLATO instructional hardware or equipment and the collection of materials and services provided by the Music Education Curriculum Laboratory. These are two distinct instructional services that should be organized and utilized in two different ways.

As I outlined in November, 1971, integration of similar functions into one operating unit will eventually save operating costs and duplication of efforts.

Sincerely,



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