

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
- REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ITEM FOR INFORMATION

Subject: University of Michigan Hospitals and Health Centers
Renovation and Expansion of the Emergency Department

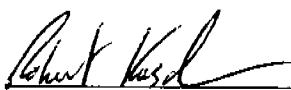
Background:

At the February 1998 meeting, the Regents approved proceeding with the Emergency Department Renovation and Expansion project. The design has progressed sufficiently to identify the principal design objectives. Therefore, consistent with our procedure of providing design objectives on major new projects, we have prepared the following list of design objectives for your review.

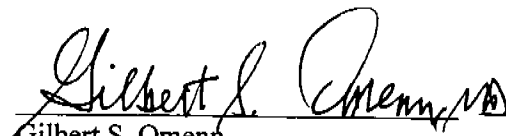
- The site design will promote ease of access for emergency vehicles and emergency walk-in traffic.
- A proposed canopy will protect patients and visitors from inclement weather.
- The site design will be responsive to the curved architectural features of the Burn Center-Medical Procedures Unit addition, and will incorporate the stepping theme of the overall massing of the building complex.
- Ribbon windows will be used to conform to the appearance of the University Hospital.
- Sensitive use of glass block will be considered to allow light into the exam rooms while maintaining privacy for patients.
- Exterior and interior materials, forms, and color will be used to differentiate between public and private areas.
- Signage and visual cues will be used to provide ease of wayfinding to Pediatric Emergency as well as other key public destinations.
- Precast limestone accents and round column covers will maintain a consistent appearance with the existing structure. Brick details, window frames, and glass color composition will also conform to those existing on the University Hospital.

The project will be presented for design approval during an upcoming Regents meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Kasdin
Executive Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer,
University of Michigan



Gilbert S. Omenn
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
and Chief Executive Officer,
University of Michigan Health System

October 1998