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VOTED that the Board of Regents authorizes the Secretary to negotiate with the present owners of 52 acres of land at Front Royal, Virginia, as described above, and to buy the land at a cost not to exceed \$110,000, provided that the Congress be appropriately informed of these purchase plans and given an opportunity to respond prior to any final commitment being made.

Court Case Pending

The status of the pending Petition for Instruction was included for information.

Smithsonian Administrative Matters

-- Role of Under Secretary defined and position description attached.
-- Organization review resulted in transfer of three units to Assistant Secretary for Administration.

Status Reports

Reports on ongoing projects sent to Regents in advance of meeting. Included:

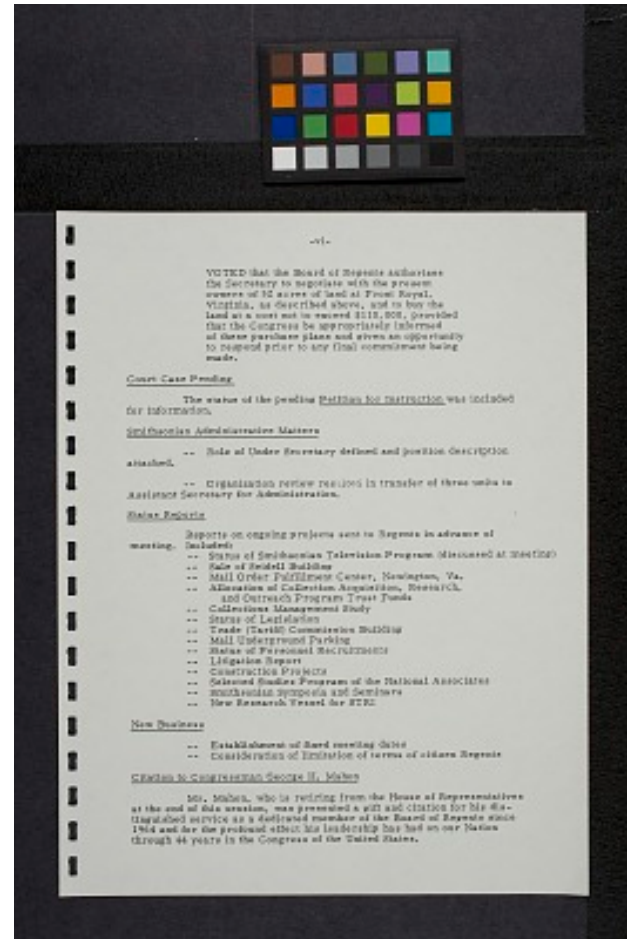
-- Status of Smithsonian Television Program (discussed at meeting)
-- Sale of Seidell Building
-- Mail Order Fulfillment Center, Newington, Va.
-- Allocation of Collection Acquisition, Research, and Outreach Program Trust Funds
-- Collections Management Study
-- Status of Legislation
-- Trade (Tariff) Commission Building
-- Mail Underground Parking
-- Status of Personnel Recruitments
-- Litigation Report
-- Construction Projects
-- Selected Studies Program of the National Associates
-- Smithsonian Symposia and Seminars
-- New Research Vessel for STRI

New Business

-- Establishment of fixed meeting dates
-- Consideration of limitation of terms of citizen Regents

Citation to Congressman George H. Mahon

Mr. Mahon, who is retiring from the House of Representatives at the end of this session, was presented a gift and citation for his distinguished service as a dedicated member of the Board of Regents since 1964 and for the profound effect his leadership has had on our Nation through 44 years in the Congress of the United States.



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