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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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FROM: George W. Johnson, President *GWJ*

SUBJECT: Establishment of Law School

At our meeting of 7 June, we came to the following understandings, which we probably ought to record so as not to cover old ground in each subsequent discussion.

1. Subject to the approval (in their respective areas of responsibility) of the GMU Board of Visitors and the Board of Directors of the GMU Foundation,
 - a. The GMU School of Law will be established as of July 1, 1979.
 - b. The GMU Foundation will operate the law school under contract with GMU effective July 1, 1979. The date of termination of the contract will be at the convenience of the University.
 - c. The International School of Law as a corporate entity will have no role in the operation of the school.
 - d. The GMU Foundation will assume responsibility for any financial deficits, if there should be any, as of June 30, 1980.
 - e. The current law school faculty will be elected to the GMU faculty as of July 1, 1979. (This does not mean that they automatically become State employees. The date for State status is yet to be determined.)
2. Four "problem" positions will have to be reconciled with State personnel system before the law school becomes a state agency.
3. In addition to these decisions, the discussion revealed the following understandings:
 - a. All assets of the International School of Law now belong to the GMU Foundation, although formal transfer may not have taken place.
 - b. It may be possible to transfer the faculty to State status at a date earlier than the staff.

- c. The complete personnel package should be submitted to the State for approval as soon as possible.
- d. Termination of the contract between the University and the Foundation need not necessarily coincide with receipt of State approval of the personnel package. In any case, direct operation by the University would have to start before authorized personnel spaces lapsed.
- e. Considering all things, January 1, 1980 may be a good target date for direct operation by the University.

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