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JOHN K. JENNINGS STATE ADMINISTRATOR

November 26th, 1938



Mr. W.G.Biddle, Comptroller, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Biddle:

With further reference to your inquiry of November 17th relative to a muralist for work on the University's Administration and Physical Science Building I have checked into this matter and find that we have a Mr. Harold McDonald and a Mr. Floyd Bailey, both of Indianapolis who are at present employed on W.P.A. work at the John Herron Art Institute.

We believe that Mr. McDonald would be able to handle this work very satisfactorily and if necessary, Mr. Bailey could be assigned to work under the supervision of Mr. McDonald.

These men at the present time are receiving the Professional-Technical rate for Marion County which is \$94.00 per month. They work 118 hours per month at .80¢ per hour. Of course we could not expect them to do work in Bloomington for less remuneration, as a matter of fact, it would be necessary that they be compensated for the additional expenses involved.

It might be, however, that something could be worked out whereby they could earn the full \$69.00 per month Professional-Technical rate in Monroe County under W.P.A. and that the University would then take over their services for an additional number of hours.

For your further information, there is a Charles Bauerle in Indianapolis who is unusually well qualified, however, he is not a certified person. This man did the murals at the Indianapolis Naval Armory. I believe his services could be obtained on a full time basis at probably \$150.00 per month. We, of course, would be unable to participate in the employment of this person because of his non-relief status unless the project employed a number of other workers which would permit the employment of a non-certified person.

Please advise me if you are interested further in obtaining the services of any of the artists mentioned above stating the approximate time that you would require their assignment. I have been told that the work Mr. McDonald and Mr. Bailey are now doing at the John Herron Art Institute will be completed in approximately thirty days.



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I would also like to know whether or not the contemplated work is covered in an existing project or whether it would be necessary to obtain a new one.

Very truly yours,

you Bryan, Deputy State Administrator