



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CORPORATION

October 16, 1970

To Members of the Faculty:

I regret to announce the death of Walter Humphreys, Life Member Emeritus and Honorary Secretary of the Corporation, on October 14, 1970. He was 96 years old.

Mr. Humphreys served as a member of the Corporation for 47 years, and was Secretary for 31 years. He was graduated from M.I.T. in 1897 with an S.B. degree in Mechanical Engineering. He returned to the Institute in 1899 as Assistant to the Secretary of the Faculty and Editor of Technology Review. He was an instructor in the Mechanical Engineering Department (1907-1919) and an Associate Professor (1919-1922). He served concurrently as the Registrar of M.I.T. from 1902 to 1922. He then became Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, a position which he held until he retired in 1952.

Appointed to the M.I.T. Corporation as an alumni term member in 1923, Mr. Humphreys was elected to Life Membership in 1929 and became Life Member Emeritus in 1960. He was appointed Secretary of the Corporation in 1929 and became Honorary Secretary in 1960. During his active term on the Corporation he served on various Standing and Visiting Committees including Auditing, Chemistry, Hygiene, Libraries, and Textiles.

He was an Honorary Member of the M.I.T. Alumni Council and former Secretary-Treasurer of the M.I.T. Alumni Association (1906-1923). Mr. Humphreys was also active in local civic and educational affairs as a trustee of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and Brookline Public Library, a director of the Harvard Cooperative Society, and a member and former chairman of the Brookline School Committee.

He is survived by his three sons and daughter, and nine grandchildren. A Requiem High Mass was held October 16 in St. Lawrence Church, Brookline.

J. R. Killian, Jr.
Chairman