The Board of Regents met October 29, 1977, at 11:30 a.m. in the Board Room of the Harry M. Sparks Hall on the campus of the University. The following members were present: Mr. Steve Bourne, Dr. S. M. Matarazzo, Mr. Jere McCulston, Mr. A. B. Mitchell, Mr. O. B. Springer, and Dr. Charles E. Howard, Chairman, presiding.

Absent were Mr. William Carneal, Mr. Bob T. Long, and Dr. Ed Settle.

Also present were Dr. Constantine W. Curris, President; Mrs. Patsy R. Dyer, Secretary of the Board; members of the news media and visitors.

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order.

Upon the Chairman's request, Dr. Curris read the following recommendation and policy statement:

Policy Statement Regarding the Hopkinsville Diagnostic Laboratory

Governor Julian M. Carroll has requested that Murray State University assume the administrative responsibility for the operation of the Hopkinsville Diagnostic Laboratory. The University accepts this responsibility with the following understandings.

First, the Hopkinsville Diagnostic Laboratory has established an excellent and well-deserved reputation for providing diagnostic services for farmers, livestock producers and veterinarians of West Kentucky. The University pledges to maintain, and hopefully to enhance these diagnostic services. The provision of diagnostic services must continue to be the first priority of the Diagnostic Laboratory.

Secondly, the Hopkinsville Diagnostic Laboratory has been an integral part of programs administered by the Kentucky Department of Agriculture which are designed to investigate, control, and prevent diseases among food producing animals. Murray State University pledges full cooperation to the Department of Agriculture, and especially to the State Veterinarian, in the provision of all needed diagnostic services. The University is keenly aware of the Diagnostic Laboratory's role in brucellosis testing, and pledges full support to the State Veterinarian and for the Department's brucellosis eradication programs.

Thirdly, the University recognizes that very little research is being done in Kentucky on the disease and production problems confronting our livestock industry. Consistent with the mandate of Governor Carroll's Executive Order, Murray State University pledges to establish strong and meaningful research programs which will focus on diseases of food animals. The extent to which the University can fulfill this mandate depends on the provision of resources for this task.

Fourthly, the University seeks to strengthen its instructional program by utilizing the Hopkinsville Diagnostic Laboratory to provide, where appropriate and feasible, expanded educational opportunities for students preparing for and pursuing careers in veterinary medicine and related fields.
Lastly, Murray State University pledges to work with the citizens of Hopkinsville and Christian County, its educational and governmental institutions, and the farmers, livestock producers, and veterinarians of West Kentucky to promote the continued growth and development of the Hopkinsville Diagnostic Laboratory, and through this laboratory, further to fulfill the teaching, research and public service missions of our regional University.

Mr. Springer moved that the Board adopt the foregoing policy statement and instruct the President to prepare and forward appropriate budget requests regarding the Hopkinsville Diagnostic Laboratory to State Government and present to the Board at a subsequent meeting appropriate plans and guidelines for the implementation of the policy statement. Mr. Mitchell seconded and motion carried.

In response to questions, the President explained that in accepting the Diagnostic Laboratory the University will 1) keep the primary function of the laboratory as a service, 2) assist the Department of Agriculture in testing for brucellosis, 3) involve students who are interested in veterinary medicine, and 4) pledge to work with the citizens of Hopkinsville and Christian County to promote the development of the Diagnostic Lab. He further stated there is a 25,000 sq. ft. building, that the lab has its own separate budget which is presently about $600,000, that the building, personnel and program will be an off-campus facility of Murray State University and there are approximately 35 personnel working at the laboratory including technicians, secretaries, microbiologists and two veterinarians.

Frank A. Stubblefield, died October 14, 1977

The Chairman stated that the Board has lost a friend and member in the death of Frank A. Stubblefield and that a more formal statement will be prepared and sent to his wife and family.

Executive Session and Meeting Adjourned

At 11:55 a.m., the Chairman called the Board into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. The session ended and the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Addendum to the Minutes

President Curris recommended that the Board of Regents approve a resolution authorizing him to seek approval of the Federal Communications Commission for an increase in operating power, transporter height, and relocation of the transmitter for the University FM radio station, WKMS. A quorum of the Board members being present, it was resolved and approved by unanimous consent that such application be submitted by President Curris acting under authority of the Board of Regents.