



Office of the President

November 19, 1971

Memorandum to:

Student Congress

Through:

Dean Wayne Duke, Student Life Bu

Subject:

Student Congress Resolution 71-25

Our office has received and reviewed Resolution 71-25, whose subject is pedestrian safety. We are in agreement with Student Congress that traffic on Third and Cooper Streets presents "a clear and present danger" to the pedestrians of the campus. The University administration has been actively pursuing various means of alleviating dangers which currently exist. Third Street is currently city property, but under terms of an agreement with the city will be deeded to the University in the not-too-distant future. At such time that it becomes University property, we anticipate taking actions which will insure the safety of students by eliminating through traffic from the street.

As you are probably aware, Cooper Street, in addition to being a main thorough-fare, is also a state highway. We have been actively negotiating with both the City of Arlington and the Texas Highway Department in an effort to provide a means for passage across Cooper Street. Both the city and state are sympathetic to our request and are currently considering the feasibility of recessing Cooper Street and providing crossovers at the present grade level. Permission to close Cooper Street in the area of the University cannot be obtained at this time.

I do wish to assure you that we share your concern in this matter.

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