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PURPOSE OF THIS BRIEF:

The object of this supplementary brief is to show that it will be more advantageous, not only for the State as a whole, but for its most Northwestern portion, to have the Texas Technological College located at Boerne, rather than a hundred or more miles Northwest, which would place the site more nearly the geographical center of Texas, or considerably above it in the Panhandle.

SAN ANTONIO IS THE GATEWAY OF WEST TEXAS:

Boerne, thirty miles Northwest of San Antonio, the largest city of the State, is the center of population of West Texas. If there is any City, however, which belongs to West Texas, it is assuredly the Alamo City, which has been characterized as "A Gateway of the West, where changes begin that are purely Western". It was no accident, but the evidence of apparent facts, that the legislature included it as a competitor for this site, both by meridian and parallel. That city and all for which it stands, is too important to West Texas to be excluded. San Antonio is not only the City of greatest charm, romance and historical association of the Lone Star State, but nature has bountifully fitted her to be the industrial gateway of the West, resting as she does, under the balcony of a tremendous series of water power sites and yet over the level coastal regions of the Gulf. It is only a question of proper spirit and effort on the part of West Texas to make San Antonio in the near future one of the great industrial cities of the world, distributing far and wide by sea, the finished products of West Texas soil and hence bringing increased prosperity and wealth to that section.

DALLAS AND HOUSTON ARE WORTHY RIVALS:

The industrial developement would favorable effect Dallas and Houston as well, so that would always be worthy rivals of San Antonio, but the two cities nearest to the Gulf would have that fact as an advantage and also would have the advantage of the superior system of water power sources. The characteristic energy of Dallas has

hitherto overcome these handicaps, but they must become more serious obstacles in the future because of the increased cost of the present sources of power, coal and gas.

STRATEGICAL COLLEGE FRONT:

The location of the three great Colleges of the State in the Southwesterly line from Bryan to Austin to Boerne presents a strategical front toward the industrial problems which the State must attack and conquer. Already we have the A. & M. nearly midway between the adjacent industrial centers of Waco and Houston, while the University is at the State Capitol. To locate the Texas Technological College a hundred miles or more to the North West of Boerne is like stationing the shock troops of the right wing of an attacking army far to the rear. Not only would the attack on that wing prove abortive but the center and left would be materially weakened. It is possible that the State can supply the much greater funds that would be necessary to maintain an efficient Technological School far from the center of Technological industry, but two things are certain: first, it would react on the industry less efficiently like shock troops in the rear for the purpose of attack, and secondly, the existing schools at Austin and Bryan must be correspondently weakened by the withdrawal of funds that could otherwise be employed for their support. Undoubtedly, the result would be to delay the development of factories in the coastal region, and North West Texas would awake to find that it was making permanent the present conditions in respect to markets for the products of its soil whose profits are eaten up, both going and coming, by long railroad hauls. Thus, for a little local gain to one of the score or more of Northwestern Candidates for the site, and the saving to the students of that section of the cost of a hundred or more miles in transportation charges a few times each year (to the detriment of hundred of West Texas students) Northwest Texas would find that it had actually lost the essential element that is necessary for its greatest prosperity- a profitable market for its products.

Further, the co-operative plan referred to in our brief, which could be adopted at Boerne on account of its nearness to centers of industry make saving in transportation due to a more Northwestern location a loss instead of a gain, since technological students would be earning wages that would net much more than the increased fare. In fact, experience has shown that students under the co-operative plan earn approximately the cost of their board and lodging, while the College itself is under no expense for either equipment or instructors necessary for such practical training.

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found in the car on the night of the murder.

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