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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Cathedral of Learning culminates the Late Gothic Revival period of architecture. It is fundamentally a steel frame skyscraper, incorporating the set backs that Sullivan aesthetically realized and which were later incoporated into the zoning standards of such tall massive buildings. The frame is encased with a limestone veneer. The fortystory structure consists of a four- or five- story-high base and a succession of rising central and wing elevations. The rectangular massing and elevations are symmetrical. The windows are rectangular occurring in couple or triple patterns that culminate in lancet arches with late style tracery. This created the effect of multi-story Gothic arch window. Numerous corner buttresses and pinnacles with blind arcades enhance the Gothic feeling. The fluting effect that flanks the windows and piers further stresses the verticality of the building and is reminiscent of its contemporary modernistic style. The silhouette and detailing are both calm, yet majestic and stately. The Cathedral towers above its surroundings and on a clear day can be seen from miles around. Because of its continued use, it is in excellent condition. It is the "centerpiece" of Oakland and a highly important visual element in Pittsburgh landscape.

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SPECIFIC DATES

1926-37

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Charles Z. Klauder

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although built in 1926-37, we feel the Cathedral of Learning has great architectural importance not only to Pittsburgh but to American architecture as well. Traditionally, the cathedral was the greatest architectural monument any city or town could build. Victorian age philosophy broadened the definition when Woolworth requested that his building represent a cathedral to industory. Other skyscrapers followed suit incorporating many of ile Cass (lilbert smassing and detail concept. But the most unique of these Gothic Cathedrals was Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning. Architectural historian, Marcus Whiffen, stated that "in the literal sense of the word, Late Gothic Revival architecture culminated in the University of Pittsburgh's skyscraping Cathedral of Learning." It was a joint product of Chancellor John G. Bowman's educational idealism and the general plan of the 1920's. It is a summation and a symbol of that expansive era. The commission was put into the hands of Charles Z. Klauder of Philadelphia, who had in his day achieved a considerable reputation as a designer of academic structures, commercial and residential buildings. Klauder (1872-1938) won national recognition in collegiate Gothic architecture. His firm served as architects and advisors to such well known educational institutions as Princeton, Cornell, Wellesley, Albion College, Michigan, Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, The Peabody Museum at Yale, Penn State and Stephen Foster Memorial, Hein's Memorial Chapel and The Cathedral of Learning at University of Pittsburgh. He was recipient of numerous awards for distinguished work in the field of institutional design.

The original plan called for fifty-two floors. The school children of the city were asked to contribute their pennies and dimes to the "cloud-capped" tower of culture. Because many protested the impracticality of the structure, the height was fixed at forty stories. The Depression of 1929 also influenced the abridged height and lengthened the construction period. The exterior was completed by the Second World War, but only recently have parts of the interior been finished. The great Commons room, a vaulted Gothic Tour de force room on the ground floor was finished in 1939; in its Romantic, theatrical way, it is quite effective.

On the ground floor is the ring of Nationality Rooms, representing peoples who settled in Pittsburgh. These classrooms are "unique in the world". They are "gifts of the University of Pittsburgh from ethnic groups of Allegheny County. They combine antique and specially created

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Significance:

furnishings from Classical, Byzantine, Romanesque, Renaissance, Tudor, Empire periods, as well as peasant architectural designs. The committees spared no expense of time, effort, artistic talent, craftsmanship, or materials in the building of the eighteen nationality rooms, which were designed by artists and architects from the nations represented. They are used daily for teaching and directly contribute to a deeper appreciation of ethnic cultural heritages. This experience is enjoyed not only by students and faculty, but also by thousands of visitors from around the world who view the classrooms every year. Additional Nationality Rooms are planned for the future.

Functionally, the dissenting voices of the 1920's were correct in many respects. Many changes were necessary for the building to operate functionally. Most of the classrooms had to be placed on the first five floors where they could be more easily reached. As the University expanded its programs and increased its enrollment, additional buildings and libraries were built. Now many administrative and departmental offices are in the Cathedral in addition to the remaining classrooms. Historically and academically the University of Pittsburgh's Cathedral of Learning is unique in conception and form. It is fundamentally a modern steel frame skyscraper.

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line B-C is Forbes Avenue

line C-D is Bigelow Blvd.

line D-A is 5th Avenue

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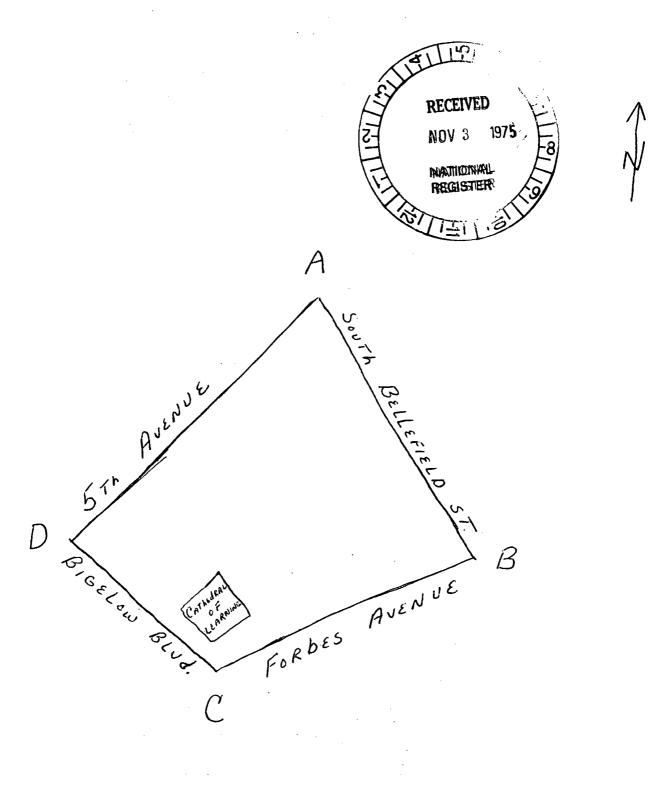
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October 27, 1975

Ms. Pauline Lemon Control Unit National Register of Historic Places National Park Service Department of the Interior 18th and C Streets, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20240



Dear Ms. Lemon:

Bill Watson has asked me to supply you with more detailed geographical data for the Cathedral of Learning, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

Enclosed please find a USC&GS map with form, hand drawn map with form, and an continuation sheet. I hope this will be satisfactory, if not, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Dunlevey

Office of Historic Preservation

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Dr. Robert Quatroche Acting Secretary of the University Cathedral of Learning 124 University of Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15260

Re: Cathedral of Learning
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County

Dear Dr. Quatroche:

This letter will confirm your telephone conversation of August 7, 1980, with architectural historian Polly Matherly regarding the proposed designation of the Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, as a National Historic Landmark.

The regulations for the Landmarks Program, a copy of which is enclosed, require an onsite evaluation of each potential Landmark. Your cooperation in this matte, will be greatly appreciated. Miss Matherly will plan to arrive at your office at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 25.

Landmark designation honors both nationally significant properties and the efforts of those who preserve them. We look forward to adding the Cathedral of Learning to the honor roll of the Nation's cultural resources.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull (Sgd.)

Carol D. Shull Acting Keeper of the National Register

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cc:

Mr. Ed Weintraub

State Historic Preservation Officer Historical and Museum Commission

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