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TO:

Members of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees

Mr. William M. Johnson, Chairman

Mrs. Ann B. Furrow

Mr. Tom Elam

Mr. Amon Carter Evans Mr. James A. Haslam, II Mr. Ben S. Kimbrough Mr. William B. Sansom President Lamar Alexander

FROM:

Beauchamp E. Brogan

DATE:

March 16, 1989

RE:

Executive Committee Meeting

1:30 p.m., Friday, March 17, 1989

Board Room, Andy Holt Tower, Knoxville Campus

Confirming my telephone conversation with you, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees will meet at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 17, 1989 in the Poard Room of Andy Holt Tower.

The primary purpose of the meeting will be to elect a chancellor for the Knoxville campus. Enclosed is a letter from President Alexander to each Board member containing his recommendation, together with various press releases.

Beauchamp E. Brogan

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Enclosures

cc: Other members of the Board of Trustees w/enc.
Members of the President's Staff w/enc.

ROLL CALL THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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	Pres	Present		Absent			
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.	Aye	Nay	Voting
Mr. Johnson							
Mrs. Furrow			ļ				
Mr. Elam							
Mr. Evans		-					
Mr. Haslam						-	
Mr. Kimbrough							
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ORDER OF BUSINESS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

March 17, 1989 1:30 p.m. Board Room Andy Holt Tower Knoxville campus

Mr. Brogan

A. Roll Call

Mr. Alexander

- B. Election of Chancellor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville roll call
- C. Other business

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March 16, 1989

Mr. Tom Elam Post Office Box 250 Union City, TN 38261

Dear Tom,

I have decided to recommend that the Board of Trustees hire John Quinn as Chancellor of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville. John is a nationally recognized physicist and Dean of a distinguished faculty at Brown, one of the nation's most popular universities. He brings exactly what we need most: the skills to help UT at Knoxville continue to improve its academic quality. He and his wife, Betsy, are warm, down-to-earth people who are enthusiastic about coming to Knoxville and participating fully in the life of the university community.

The campus advisory committee has worked hard on this process. The process has been long and open. Chancellor Reese would like to leave July 1 and our next regular board meeting is not until June. The Executive Committee of the Board will meet on Friday at 1:30 p.m. in the board room to consider my recommendation. The Quinns will attend our June meeting.

Sincerely,

Lamar Alexander

LA/jp

Enclosure

News from UT

The University of Tennessee / Office of University Relations / 467 Communications Building / Knoxville, Tennessee 37996-0340

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Quinn (550) March 16, 1989

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -- Dr. John J. Quinn, 55, physicist and dean of faculty at Brown University, Providence, R.I., is the choice of University of Tennessee President Lamar Alexander for chancellor of UT Knoxville.

Alexander said Thursday he will recommend Quinn for the position at a meeting Friday of the executive committee of the UT Board of Trustees.

"Between two exceptional candidates, John Quinn's skills meet our needs best," Alexander said. "He can do the most to help UT continue to improve its academic quality."

Alexander also said:

"Dr. Quinn is a world-class physicist and dean of a distinguished faculty at a university that's a favorite of U.S. undergraduates.

"He and his wife Betsy are down-to-earth people who are enthusiastic about being a part of the university community and Knoxville.

"I am grateful to the 20-member search advisory committee for patiently spending many hours and doing a first-rate job."

The executive committee is scheduled to consider Alexander's recommendation Friday, 1:30 p.m., in the board room of UTK's Andy Holt Tower.

The search advisory committee also recommended Dr. Joan K. Wadlow, international relations specialist and provost, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

The chancellor's position is the highest post on each of the University's four primary campuses. UT Knoxville, with 25,000 students and a wide variety of degree programs, is the largest and most comprehensive of the UT campuses.

Dr. Jack Reese, UTK chancellor for the past 16 years, has announced plans to return to teaching when a successor can assume the position.

Alexander, who previously described filling the chancellor's post as his number one priority for UT Knoxville, said Quinn will take office on July 1.

Quinn said he was excited by the opportunity.

"If the board approves me, Betsy and I are enthusiastic about coming to the University of Tennessee's Knoxville campus," Quinn said. "We look forward to building on the excellence that's already there."

"We plan to be in place by July 1 and I'll be getting ready between now and then. I've already asked Homer Fisher (UT senior vice president) to be chairman of the transition and Dr. Alexander Van Hook (president, UTK faculty senate) to be my link with the faculty.

"I also will be asking Dr. John Prados and the chancellor's search committee to continue for a while, to serve as a sounding board for me.

"In April I plan to spend some time on campus meeting with student leaders, the provost, the deans, and faculty -- especially members of the faculty senate."

Van Hook said he supported Alexander's recommendation.

"Dr. Quinn is very able and he's a very fine scholar," Van Hook said. "As dean of faculty at Brown, he's established an outstanding record. He's very well-respected."

Van Hook said Quinn would be able as chancellor to keep UTK moving forward.

"Absolutely. I think he understands excellence in a university setting," Hook said. "He knows what's involved and what's needed."

Quinn earned his bachelor's degree at St. John's College and a doctorate in physics from the University of Maryland.

He also has been a visiting professor at Purdue University,
State University of New York - Stony Brook, and the University of
California - Irvine.

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News from UT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Mrs. Quinn Profile March 16, 1989

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -- Betsy Quinn knows what it means to be a student.

After putting her college education on hold for more 25 years so she could raise four children, the wife of the man nominated for the chancellorship at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville returned to school and earned her degree from Brown University in 1985.

"I am a perpetual student. I love to go to class," she said.

Betsy Quinn, 49, is the wife of Dr. John J. Quinn, who is UT

President Lamar Alexander's choice for the chancellorship of UT

Knoxville. Quinn is a physicist and the dean of faculty at Brown

University in Providence, R.I.

The executive committee of the UT Board of Trustees will consider Quinn for the post on Friday. If approved by the committee Quinn, 55, will succeed Chancellor Jack E. Reese. Reese has held the post since 1973.

With board approval, John Quinn will take office July 1.

Betsy Quinn said she and her husband are looking forward to moving to East Tennessee.

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"For me this is a wonderful adventure," she said. "We both look forward to coming to the University of Tennessee and Knoxville."

Betsy Quinn is a native of Washington, D.C. who grew up in Hyattsville, Md. She attended the University of Maryland, where she studied English and philosophy. She met John Quinn at Maryland.

"I was a sophomore and he was a graduate student," she said.

The couple married in 1958, the same year John Quinn received his doctorate degree in physics.

At that point, Betsy Quinn put her education on hold and began what she describes as her career -- that of raising a family.

The Quinns have four children: Daniel, 29, a civil engineer and civilian employee for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Baltimore, Md.; Elizabeth, 28, a secondary school teacher in Oregon; Heather, 26, who as a recent graduate of Duke's law school works as an attorney in Providence, R.I.; and Jennifer, 25, a doctoral student in mathematics at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Betsy Quinn said she had always planned to write once her children were grown. However, her interests later changed to design, architecture and renovation projects.

"I get so much pleasure out of working with my hands. I sew,
I do carpentry and plumbing. As we moved from house to house I got
braver (with home renovation)," she said.

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She also decided to finish her undergraduate degree. In 1983 she returned to school full-time at Brown. Two years later she graduated with a bachelor's of arts in urban studies. She said she will probably take classes from time to time at UT Knoxville.

Betsy Quinn has been a strong community supporter in Providence. At one time, she had a radio show for the blind. She is a former president and active member of the Women of Brown, an organization at Brown University that sponsors projects for students and faculty. She is also a member of the North Scituate Library Board in North Scituate, R.I., and the Scituate Preservation Society.

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News from UT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Quinn Profile March 16, 1989

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. -- Dr. John J. Quinn, the nominee for chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is an Ivy League dean whose Irish immigrant father was a New York City police lieutenant.

Quinn has made the rounds at well-known public and private universities.

A graduate of St. John's University and the University of Maryland, he is a physics professor and dean of faculty at Brown University in Providence, R.I. He also has held appointments at the University of California, Purdue University and Maryland.

The executive committee of the UT Board of Trustees on Friday will consider Quinn's nomination for the chancellorship. Quinn was chosen for the post by UT President Lamar Alexander.

If approved by the committee, the 55-year-old Quinn will succeed Dr. Jack E. Reese, the third chancellor of the Knoxville campus. Reese, who is stepping down from the post to return to teaching, has held the office since 1973.

Quinn is the son of Irish immigrants who settled in Brooklyn, N.Y., and later moved to Queens. His father rose to the rank of police lieutenant despite having only the equivalent of a fourth

grade education. Quinn attended primary parochial schools in New York and then enrolled in St. Joseph's Academy, a Catholic high school in upstate New York. There he played basketball, football and ice hockey.

At St. Joseph's Quinn took an interest in physics and mathematics. Soon after enrolling in college at St. John's University in Jamaica, N.Y., he settled on physics as his undergraduate major. Quinn received a bachelor's of science degree summa cum laude from St. John's in 1954. During two of his undergraduate years he played football for the Queens-Nassau Football Association. A knee injury put an end to his playing days.

Following graduation from St. John's, Quinn enrolled at the University of Maryland as a doctoral student in physics. Quinn, whose dissertation topic was "The Effect of Correlation on Properties of a Degenerate Electron Gas," received his degree in 1958 — the same year he married his wife, Betsy. At the time, she was an undergraduate at Maryland. The couple has four children.

Quinn has broad experience in public and private universities. He took a teaching job in 1964 at Purdue University, a state-supported institution in W. Lafayette, Ind. Quinn served as a visiting professor at Purdue for one year before accepting a full-time teaching appointment at Brown University in 1965.

Quinn also has held visiting research and teaching appointments at the University of Pennsylvania; the State University of New York at Stony Brook; the University of Rome; the Max Planck Institute in Stuttgart, West Germany; the University of California at Irvine; and the University of Maryland. Before beginning his teaching career, he served as a member of the technical staff at RCA Laboratories in Princeton, N.J.

Over the years Quinn has garnered a reputation as a top physicist. He is the author or co-author of nearly 200 papers in refereed physics journals and two books. Two other books are awaiting completion.

Quinn was appointed associate provost at Brown in 1984. Two years later he was named dean of the faculty. In that post he has been responsible for the university's educational and general budget, which totals about \$50 million. He also has responsibility for all academic departments, programs and centers; as well as faculty searches, staffing, promotion and tenure. At Brown he also holds the title of Ford Foundation Professor.

Despite his busy schedule as an administrator, Quinn has maintained an active research program. Through the years he has supervised the research of 12 Ph.D. students. Though he is steeped in the sciences, Quinn has an abiding interest in all areas of education.

"Having a good, broad liberal arts education is the best thing," he said.

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That liberal arts education, Quinn said, should include science as well as the humanities. "Students should have an appreciation of the sciences and mathematics. They should not be frightened by that," he said.

Quinn has served as an accreditation visitor for the New England Association of Colleges and Schools, chairman of the Division of Condensed Matter Physics of the American Physical Society, member of the Solid State Sciences Committee of the National Research Council and National Academy of Sciences and the athletics committee at Brown University. His honors include election as a fellow of the American Physical Society and the RCA Outstanding Achievement Award.

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