REPORT OF THE
SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO THE
UWM FACULTY SENATE

On September 27, 1979 the UWM Faculty Senate, acting under the direction of the Faculty (Faculty Document 1165A), requested that UWM Distinguished and Vilas Professors serve on a Senate Special Committee to determine the adequacy of previous investigations concerning the activities of Acting Chancellor Leon Schur and Dean Eric Schenker with regard to the S.A.K. Corporation. Since the investigation concerning the activities of Dean Alan Weston in the Corporation was not complete at that time, such activities did not fall within the committee's purview. Moreover, since litigation between Dean Weston and the University of Wisconsin System is pending in the courts, it would be inappropriate for this committee to address that aspect of this matter.

The Senate Special Committee composed of Professors W. Keith Hall, C. Mortimer, A. Rapoport, L. Sorkin, R. Warren, (Professor Zaslav attended one meeting but because of an extremely heavy schedule he declined to serve as a member) met on four occasions, October 11, October 16, December 6, and December 12.

At its first meeting on October 11, the committee attempted to organize its work but was constrained by the temporary restraining order issued by Judge Gerlach on October 10. This restraining order prevented System Administration from discussing the matter with the Senate Special Committee and from releasing any reports compiled by UW System auditors.

A copy of the audit report, "Activities Related to S.A.K. Corporation and Associated University Personnel," was delivered to the Secretary of the University on November 19 and forwarded to the Senate Special Committee on November 20. The committee at its October 16 meeting had instructed the Secretary to write to the Milwaukee Journal and the Milwaukee Sentinel and to request all published articles dealing with S.A.K. from all editions of those papers. The committee then carefully compared the allegations contained in those articles with the points addressed in the audit report. At its December 6 meeting the Committee agreed that the audit appeared to be comprehensive and that the allegations as stated in the newspaper articles had been thoroughly addressed. The Committee was unable to discover any other areas which needed further investigation.

On December 12 the committee conferred with UW System President Edwin Young and UW System Vice-President Reuben Lorenz. As a result of that conference the following points emerged.

1. The auditors' charge from President Young instructed them to do as complete, ethical, and professional a study as possible and to publish all the facts as they found them.

2. No new facts concerning the matters covered in the audit report, namely the alleged misuse of telephones, the use of University facilities, and the suggested violations of UWS 8.05(1)(e) had occurred.
3. UW System Administration had nothing to add to the report of November, 1979.

4. That System Administration approved of the report of the internal auditors.

Vice-President Lorenz added that, in his opinion, the auditors had done a thorough, objective, and comprehensive analysis.

The Senate Special Committee also concludes that the audit report was carried out in a thorough and professional manner, and the conclusions reached in the report - namely, that Acting Chancellor Schur and Dean Schenker made no calls from July, 1976 through July, 1979 that appeared to be non-University related; that there was no S.A.K.-related facility usage which can be attributed to Dr. Schur or Dean Schenker, and that there was no violation of UWS Section 8.03 "Conflicts of Interest" on the part of Dr. Schur or Dean Schenker - are valid.

The charge of this committee was "to determine the adequacy of previous investigations of the matter." After careful consideration of the allegations, a diligent examination of the audit report, and a conference with President Young and Vice-President Lorenz, we can report to the UWM Senate that the investigation of the allegations concerning Drs. Schur and Schenker was indeed adequate. The committee's work is therefore concluded.

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*All members of the Senate Special Committee have read and concur in the report with the exception of Dr. Clifford Mortimer who was in Australia when the final report was prepared. He did, however, prior to his departure, indicate an evaluation of this matter and the report reflects the substance of his reaction.