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WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1984.--The members of the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System convened at 10:40 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, 1984, in the Regents' Meeting Room on the ninth floor of Ashbel Smith Hall in Austin, Texas, with the following in attendance:

ATTENDANCE.--

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Chairman Newton, presiding	
Vice-Chairman Baldwin	
Vice-Chairman (Mrs.) Briscoe	
Regent Hay	
Regent (Mrs.) Milburn	
Regent Powell	
Regent Rhodes	
Regent Richards	
Regent Yzaguirre	

Executive Secretary Dilly

Chairman Newton announced a quorum present and called the special meeting of the Board to order to consider the election and employment of a Chancellor for The University of Texas System.

Following a brief report on the Chancellor search process and in response to Chairman Newton's inquiry regarding the wishes of the Board, the following action was taken:

U. T. SYSTEM: DR. HANS M. MARK APPOINTED CHANCELLOR-ELECT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND CHANCELLOR EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 1984, AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF A CHANCELLOR DISCHARGED.-- Vice-Chairman Baldwin moved that Dr. Hans M. Mark be appointed Chancellor-Elect effective immediately and Chancellor of The University of Texas System effective September 1, 1984, with such compensation as may be negotiated between Dr. Mark and Chairman Newton and approved by the Board via the usual budgetary procedures.

Vice-Chairman Baldwin further moved that the Advisory Committee for the Selection of a Chancellor be discharged with the sincere appreciation of the Board for the diligence and careful thought it brought to the search process which resulted in the election of Dr. Mark.

Regent Hay seconded the motion which prevailed by unanimous vote.

Following the presentation of Dr. Mark, each member of the Board expressed pleasure at his acceptance of the position and emphasized their best wishes and cooperation in his forthcoming administration.

STATEMENT BY DR. HANS M. MARK, CHANCELLOR-ELECT.--Chairman Newton introduced Dr. Hans M. Mark who made the following statement:


"I am very pleased to be here in Austin this morning to meet with the Regents of The University of Texas System and to accept the appointment as Chancellor of

The University of Texas System. Although I have never lived in Texas, I am no stranger to the State. During the past three decades, I have visited Texas numerous times in connection with my work in the aerospace field and during my service with the U. S. Air Force. As you can probably guess, NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston occupies a very special place in my life. During these visits, I became aware of the many activities of The University of Texas System and of its place among the great educational institutions in this country. I also became convinced that there is a clear potential that The University of Texas System can become the best public university system in the country during the coming decade.

"Although I have been out of active teaching for fifteen years, I do know something about higher education, having spent thirteen years at The University of California, four as a student and nine as a faculty member in Berkeley. During my years with the faculty, I developed some strong ideas on what a great university is and what it must do to maintain its stature. First and foremost, it must pass on the wealth of human knowledge in all its complexity from one generation to the next. Hopefully, it will also pass on wisdom but I think you know that this is a much more difficult proposition. Second, a university must lead in the creation of new knowledge and insights in the arts and sciences for without the continuing search for new knowledge, teaching quickly becomes a sterile exercise. Third, and this applies especially to a public university such as this one, a university must seek to find ways of enhancing the welfare and culture of the community that supports it. These are not easy tasks but you have my pledge that I will do the very best I can to provide leadership that will make The University of Texas System better than it is already. I am very impressed with the quality and the dedication of the people on the Board of Regents and I look forward very much to working with them and with the other members of The University of Texas System community.

"I hope you will forgive me if I end my statement on a personal note. In the last year of his long life, Thomas Jefferson wrote his own epitaph. If you have seen it, you know what he thought was important. It says: 'Author of the Declaration of Independence and of the Statute Protecting Religious Liberty in Virginia and founder of The University of Virginia.' Freedom and education were what it came down to at the end. They are, of course, related and I thoroughly agree with Jefferson's priorities. That is why I am here today."

ADJOURNMENT.--There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.


Arthur H. Dilly
Executive Secretary

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