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SENATOR WARNER: No, no, no. The first consultant...the building, as was indicated, was substantially completion was November 18, 1976, and the architectural firm was requested because of cracking...

SENATOR SMITH: Okay then...

SENATOR WARNER: ...in November of 77 and they advised the university that there was no corrective action would be necessary to repair the cracking. In '82 further problems, then an outside firm was hired...

SENATOR SMITH: Okay now, wait a minute, just stop there if you would, please. Now, Senator Warner, you just said...now tell me again, was the building completely finished when they noticed the cracks?

SENATOR WARNER: The first cracks is the year following its construction.

SENATOR SMITH: Following the completion...

SENATOR WARNER: Some cracks, these are, as I recall, some cracks in the wall. Now since there has been other cracks develop since then.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, now let me ask a question of you then, which I alluded to a little bit ago and, first of all, can you give me a cost of this building, Senator Warner, the original construction cost? Three million was the original cost?

SENATOR WARNER: Three point six is what I'm told.

SENATOR WARNER: Okay, now so it's going to cost that much or more to repair it now?

SENATOR WARNER: The estimate is...the outside estimate is 3.4 million with...that's the inflated cost. Today's price the estimate is 3,250,000.

SENATOR SMITH: Okay, now I get back to the liability part of it. I always thought that when you took on a project like this as a builder you had to have some kind of liability insurance or something if a year after that thing was completed, there was