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have an institution going there, Senator Keyes, and I believe that they have approximately 80 veterans in that, I'll call it a hospital, for want of a better term, but they already have about 80 occupants there and they have I don't know how many applications for housing and this money would be used for the purpose of getting other federal money to build an addition on to the facility that they already have.

SENATOR KEYES: You are going to build when you are giving away?

SENATOR NICHOL: No, no, I'm not giving anything away.

SENATOR KEYES: Well that is what our bill said that we was going to give or sell that Hiram Scott College.....

SENATOR NICHOL: Let me explain....

SENATOR KEYES: And the...

SENATOR NICHOL: May I explain?

SENATOR KEYES: Wait a minute, and now you are going to give away, to me you have got me kind of confused up there. It seems like you want to give something away that the VA has and then build another one.

SENATOR NICHOL: The buildings at the old Hiram Scott complex were several. One of the buildings now at the northwest corner of several buildings is occupied by University of Nebraska panhandle station. The buildings to the extreme south part which are approximately a quarter of a mile away are occupied by the Veterans Administration. These have been renovated and are being occupied now. In between these two are several vanguard halls, four of them, which are situated so that in the middle of these four vanguard halls is a building that is now being considered by the Highway Patrol for occupational offices. The present buildings that are there that I refer to as vanguard halls were constructed so that they are not acceptable as hospital rooms or location for the elderly. They have stairways and they are constructed of precast concrete and the retaining walls can not be removed so that the larger rooms can be established. The Veterans Administration and the Department of Institutions have both been out and looked at these buildings and have both decreed that these are not acceptable for this use.

SENATOR KEYES: So, you still haven't told me where the beds

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