

CAMPUS SITE LIKELY FOR KENNEDY CENTER

BOSTON, May 15 (AP)—The John F. Kennedy Library archives and museum probably will be built at the University of Massachusetts, either in Amherst or Boston, the library corporation indicated today.

The corporation announced that it would look "closely" at any existing building in Massachusetts proposed in the next month for the museum part of the library.

The corporation added that, since announcing last February that it would not build the museum in Cambridge, it had received more than 100 offers, invitations and suggestions, and had narrowed these to the University of Massachusetts campuses at Amherst and Boston.

The announcement said the corporation no longer was considering placing the museum in the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington. It also said that the corporation's directors would meet next month to make a final decision on a site.

"There is great symbolic value in being identified with the university, which belongs to all the people of Massachusetts," the announcement said.

Original plans called for building the museum and archives near Harvard University, President Kennedy's alma mater, but complaints from residents near the Harvard Square area in Cambridge that it would result in congestion in that area, forced the corporation to reconsider its plans.

At Amherst, a spokesman for the university said Chancellor Randolph Bromery would make no immediate comment.

University officials in Boston were unavailable for comment.