



1624 Glenhaven Drive
Abilene, Texas
May 3, 1966

Mr. John A. Hannah
President
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Hannah:

I have read the article in Ramparts, and I have heard your answer on the television news broadcasts and read those of Professor Fishel in Time.

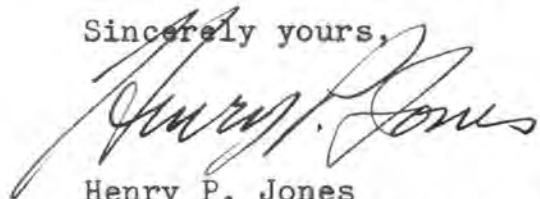
Your comment that Ramparts has no right to make a whipping boy of Michigan State University seems to me to be quite beside the point, and unresponsive to the several issues raised by the authors of the article.

Many Americans are just now beginning to learn of the sordid background of the American involvement in Vietnam. Others of us have known a good deal of it for several years. Research for my doctoral dissertation helped to enlighten me. When the full story is known to the public at large, there will be plenty of blame to go around. Michigan State will not be the sole "whipping boy." Indeed, there is no need for any whipping boys, but much need for some honest soul searching that may help to restore America's self respect and self-confidence.

You and other responsible officials at Michigan State could help by facing squarely the part you have played instead of being petulant, evasive, and indulging in McCarthyist tactics such as those of Professor Fishel in his comments on the authors of the article.

One does not expiate dishonor by indulging in further dishonorable tactics.

Sincerely yours,



Henry P. Jones
Assistant Professor of Political Science

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May 6, 1966

Dear Mr. Jones:

Since you seem to have relied wholly upon second-hand reports in your evaluation of Michigan State University and its role in South Vietnam, perhaps you will be good enough to read the enclosed statement. I think you will find, contrary to your allegation, that this University has responded directly to the several issues raised by Ramparts, including some you appear to have ignored.

Sincerely,

President

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