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May 6, 1966

Dear Sir:

An editorial in your issue of April 29 has been called to my attention. Ordinarily, I do not try to respond to criticisms in the press, but this editorial reflects upon my credibility and the integrity of my University so seriously that some response appears to be necessary.

First may I ask you in fairness to read the enclosed statement, which I made on April 22. It represents my attempt to put the Ramparts charges in perspective, which so many news accounts and editorials have failed to do.

Next, may I tell you that Professor Scigliano, quoted as describing the Ramparts article as "absolutely correct," admitted to an audience on our campus last Wednesday evening that he could not recall having been told authoritatively that there were CIA men engaged in the project. It is his surmise that there were, but he has no positive evidence.

If there were CIA representatives on the University payroll—and we do not know that there were—they were not engaging in CIA activities, but were performing training functions as specialists under the direction of the University's representatives in Vietnam.

As for Mr. Sheinbaum's allegations, I ask you whether it is reasonable to assume that he, in East Lansing, could have personal knowledge of activities in Saigon. I touch upon his possible motivation in my official statement.

Thank you for giving consideration to this factual material. I hope it will lead you to a different conclusion from that expressed in your editorial,

Sincerely,

President

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cc: President Francis H. Horn