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One Jackson Place  
San Francisco, California  
April 15, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Hannah

I worked too long and too hard for my just-awarded Ph.D. in Communication to feel that I can renounce it as a gesture of protest.

It is my sincere desire, however, to become so prominent in my field that I shall someday be asked, before a nationwide audience, where I got my doctorate. "I can't tell you," I shall reply, "I am too ashamed."

As a start in this direction, I am instructing the publishers of Who's Who in the West and Who's Who in Advertising to delete the name of Michigan State University from my biographical listing.

Sincerely yours,

*John A. Klempner*

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cc: San Francisco Chronicle  
Michigan State News

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bc: Professor David K. Berlo

*Rampart*

April 25, 1966

Dear Doctor Klemner:

Although you do not specifically state the reason for your dissatisfaction with Michigan State University, I judge it to be based on the accusations in an article in Ramparts magazine, and an editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Since you made your decisions in this matter without awaiting a response or explanation from the University, it probably will do little good to send this copy of the statement I made at a press conference on April 22. However, I shall hope that your education in communications at this University taught you something about the desirability of examining all of the relevant material, and that you will read it, at least.

If you remain of the same opinion, then I can only regret that you prefer to credit secondary rather than primary sources.

Sincerely,

President

Doctor John A. Klemner  
One Jackson Place  
San Francisco, California

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