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President John A Hannah
Michigan State University
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Dear sir

An editorial in the Washington Post (4-16-66) speaks of a denial by the University that it is still an agent of the CIA. A patriotic sensible American would be a fool to credit such a disingenuous denial. You play in pitch, you get pitch all over you.

Of course the University prostituted its integrity by cooperating with the CIA. The CIA-MSU partnership, through Fishel et alii, is largely responsible for the existence, and so for the extent, of the vicious Johnson aggression against the majority of the citizen-electorate of south Vietnam today. If you people hadn't helped Dulles, Diem and Eisenhower subvert the democratic elections scheduled for 1956 in Vietnam, those elections would have been held, and south Vietnam -- ALL of Vietnam -- would be living in peace, building their country in peace, living in peace with their neighbors today. If the democratic elections had been held, countrywide, democracy itself and the United States would have gained immeasurably in influence in Asia -- instead of being, as they are and as you helped ~~make~~ them today, objects of suspicion and hate all over Asia.

There is a way for MSU to sever the CIA-MSU ^{a tie} ~~tie~~ which undoubtedly exists today, your denial to the contrary notwithstanding. If you make public your University's entire financial connections with any and all government agencies, and KEEP them public and open to inspection and audit, you would lend entire credibility to your denial. Short of this, no. And this "publicity" would have to include publication of all monies received from any and all the phony nonprofit "foundations" the CIA has set up to channel spy money into colleges and universities throughout the land. Anything less than such an honest, open, proAmerican public washing of the financial

linen leaves the University firmly where it is today: MSU-CIA. If ~~you~~ you play in the filth you must expect to get filthy.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John B. Wentworth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name and address.

April 25, 1966

Dear Mr. Wentworth:

You give Michigan State University credit for a great deal more influence and authority than it ever possessed or sought in your letter of April 18. My statement to the press on April 22 bears on that point, so I am sending a copy for your information. Please note the specific denial that the University was ever an agent of the CIA, as you allege.

You are naive indeed if you think a public university does not make public and keep open to public inspection all of its financial transactions, and that they are not subject to audit. Indeed, it was just such public reporting that enabled us to refute the charge that Michigan State University had expended \$25,000,000 in the course of its seven-year project in South Vietnam. I direct your attention to that relevant portion of my statement as well.

Sincerely,

President

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