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Dr. and Mrs. Hannah
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Dear Dr. and Mrs. Hannah,

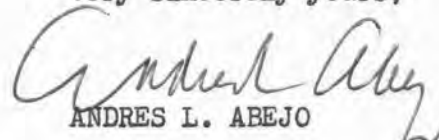
The attacks which came from some quarters hurled against President Hannah regarding the Vietnam Project were indeed unfair and uncalled for. It seems to me that some people cashed in on big publicity at President Hannah's expense.

Mrs. Abejo and I know that you do not need our assistance, but at a time like this, perhaps an expression of our highest confidence and deepest esteem would not be amiss. The MSU alumni in the Philippines feel the same way.

I would however say that the unfortunate publicity is not as bad as that which happened to President Romulo. I am sending clippings of the incident in case this should be interesting to you. I am also sending a clipping about my attendance at a Convention in Rome recently.

Again, please accept our highest regards and fullest confidence.

Very sincerely yours,


ANDRES L. ABEJO

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Ramparts

June 13, 1966

Dear Doctor Abejo:

Your kind letter of May 31 is very much appreciated. It was thoughtful of you to write and assure me that you and Mrs. Abejo, and the alumni of the University in the Philippines, have not allowed their confidence to be shaken by the adverse publicity Michigan State University has received recently.

It occurs to me that you might like to read the statement I made at a press conference in refutation of the charges leveled by Ramparts magazine, so I send one with this letter. Of course, denials never catch up with charges, no matter how unfounded, but we have done what we could to minimize the damage to the University and all others engaged in programs of technical assistance in countries overseas.

I was sorry to learn of the difficulty in which President Romulo found himself at the end of your academic year. I judge that your letter, on behalf of the Faculty Association, was of great help and much comfort to him.

May I congratulate you upon the honor of attending the convention in Rome described in the clipping with your letter. I trust that you enjoyed the experience and hope that the future will see many other similar honors coming to you.

Mrs. Hannah joins me in sending our greetings and best wishes to you and Mrs. Abejo, and to all of our other friends and alumni in the Philippines.

Sincerely,

President

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