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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40208

April 14, 1966

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES  
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY  
AND SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY

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

Dear President Hannah:

The Courier-Journal carries a story this morning by Max Frankel of the New York Times News Service regarding the involvement of Michigan State University with the CIA in the South Viet Nam from 1955 to 1959. The article indicates that the University officials, "from President John A. Hannah down", would not dignify the charges with a formal reply. Professor Ralph Smuckler apparently has confirmed the relationship although he objects to the distortion in the article in Ramparts.

I hope that Michigan State University, through the office of its president, will provide an adequate statement of its involvement and assurance that they are no longer involved with the CIA in South Viet Nam or elsewhere. The obvious damage to the reputation of American college professors in exchange programs and the even greater damage and embarrassment to universities serving in cooperative relationships with foreign institutions can be minimized by Michigan State acknowledging the inappropriateness of its role with the CIA and by assurances that the University will no longer participate in such activities. Whether or not the statement from your office will counteract the wrong negative response of American professors is hard to determine. I am outraged and I am not alone.

Sincerely,

*Ray H. Bixler*  
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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

April 25, 1966

Dear Professor Bixler:

In your letter of April 14 you recommend that Michigan State University issue an adequate statement with respect to its project in South Vietnam. Such a statement was made at a press conference on April 22, and I am sending this copy to you for your information.

I fear that you will consider it inadequate because it does not state that the University is "no longer involved with the CIA in South Vietnam or elsewhere." The reason, of course, is that the University was never so involved, knowingly if at all. I trust the statement on that point is crystal clear.

You say that you are outraged. I, for my part, am appalled that university scholars accept without question allegations made in magazines and newspapers without awaiting a response from those accused.

Sincerely,

President

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Enclosure