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July 6, 1966

Dr. John Hannah, President  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan 48824

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear President Hannah:

The psychology used by Jack Kinney in the "Letters" section of the June Alumni Magazine concerning MSU and CIA worked. I was disconcerted, to use Mr. Johnson's word, to discover that these people who have an education still have not learned to think. One would hope that Mr. Johnson who was an officer in IFC would have better insight and judgement than he has.

The only reasonable explanation which can be made for the involvement of the CIA in the Viet Nam project was that the CIA men had the knowledge, contacts, and experience needed to initiate the program. It must have been a difficult decision and one that I hope was taken to your office. But one can only assume that the decision was made by competent people. Indeed, it is unfortunate that some destructively motivated person got wind of the knowledge.

However, the entire incident reflects magnificently the attitude of greatness which must continue to prevail on the MSU Campus. Greatness is a function of courage and the eagerness to assume some risks. This is clearly demonstrated to those Alumni, faculty, students, and citizens who wish to accept these facts for what they actually mean.

You personally deserve credit for protecting those members of the staff who were involved from receiving national damnation. There certainly can be no substitute for superior leadership.

These feelings are also shared by Richard M. Sawdey and Robert G. Harris also of the class of 1965.

Yours truly,

Charles R. Bough (Rick)

PS: Presumably you are increasing the responsibility held by Vice President Fuzak.

July 8, 1966

Dear Mr. Baugh:

Your letter of July 6 has been received while President Hannah is on a brief vacation and will be held for his attention when he returns here about July 18.

Sincerely,

Secretary to the President

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July 18, 1966

Dear Mr. Baugh:

On my return to the office I find your letter of July 6 and appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

This has been one of those situations where there is not much that one could say that would help very much. The decisions made in 1954 and 1955 by our people seemed to be entirely appropriate at that time. Now the same decisions in the eyes of many people look otherwise. I suspect that 30 years from now, when time has passed, the University may show up better than it has in recent weeks, but only time will determine that.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

President

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