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Mr. Philip Graham

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Dear Phil:

Thanks for your note of November 18th.

The incontrovertible facts established by contemporaneous documents make the Oath controversy at the University of California one of the most interesting objectives for investigation I could imagine.

In forty-five years experience with journalism and the practice of law I thought I had seen about everything in the way of misstatement, half-truth, distortion and innuendo, to say nothing of high-handed political methods.

However, something new has been added to my store of knowledge.

There never was, and there is not now, any lack of respect or confidence between the Board of Regents and the vast majority of California's great Faculty.

The Regents and the Faculty, however, are victims in common of administrative cowardice and campus politics.

Because of their responsibility for the welfare of the institution, the Regents have to date ignored the campaign of abuse, but it looks to me as if the ideology boys have succeeded in fooling a lot of fair minded people.

I hope Kay and you will be visiting this end of the country regularly. As part of your job there, I think it would be a very salutary thing for you to get away from that maelstrom and get the outside point of view.

With all good wishes to Kay and you from Mrs. Neylan and myself.

Sincerely

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