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## Letter to John Francis Neylan, March 2, 1950: Banc Mss C-B 881, Box 177: 1950 Loyalty Oath

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Honorable John Neylon [sic], Regent  
909 Crocker Bank Building  
Number One Montgomery Street  
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

Please forgive my interrupting your vacation when it has just begun. I regret the urgency of this matter which causes me to write directly to you, sir.

As a member of the ASUC Executive Committee Sub Committee planning an ASUC Meeting to present the issues of the Loyalty Oath question, may I respectfully request your consideration of the following two invitations:

1. To speak at the meeting, giving your personal views or those of the regents favoring the oath as you see them.
2. To send us a statement especially for the ears of the students of the University to be read at that student meeting.

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The meeting will be held 6 March, 1950, at twelve noon in the Greek Theatre. Drs. Odegard, Gorden, and Stanley will speak from the faculty view point.

Our purpose, sir, has been to keep this a meeting for the presentation of facts, not of protest or demonstration, as the officers of the Association are trying to act to protect the University from further poor publicity or misuse by a few malcontents.

My personal opinion is that a meeting serves no purpose as the papers have carried all facts released. However, this was not the view of the majority of Executive Committee.

The meeting will be managed so as to be calm, and, I hope, fair. It is because I should especially like the meeting to be the latter, ie., fair that I am making the above request of you, sir.

I realize that, in the rush of current events, and your present vacation, this cannot be other than an imposition. However, if you will aid the presentation to the students Monday, the Committee and I should be indebted to you.

Very sincerely  
Richard C. Van Houten

Representative-at-large

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