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Mr. Robert MacDougal, Secretary  
University YMCA Cabinet  
University Young Men's Christian Association  
572 Hilgard  
Los Angeles 24, California  
Dear Mr. MacDougal:

Thank you for your letter of recent date, informing me of resolutions adopted by the University of California at Los Angeles YMCA Cabinet with regard to the University's loyalty oath requirement.

The views of students on all matters of University concern are, naturally, of great interest to me, but I should have been more impressed with the resolution you presented if the "background materials used by our members in arriving at [their] decision," which you enclosed with your letter, had been more adequate. It seems to me that this "background material" is overwhelmingly one-sided, and I am sure that the single statement which might be interpreted as representing the other side, is mislabeled. I refer to statement number 4 which is presented as "Regents Statement of September 30, 1949," but which is really a joint statement by the Regents and the Advisory Committees of both sections of the Academic Senate. Moreover, the references to actions by the Senate at earlier dates are incomplete, and to a considerable extent misleading. However, I have no doubt that your cabinet would have come to the same conclusion even if it had been presented with adequate and correct data, as a good many others have, and I am accepting the resolutions, therefore, at face value.

Yours sincerely  
Robert G. Sproul  
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