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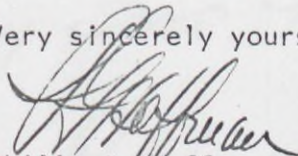
Professor Henry Chen
Department of Finance
College of Business Administration

Dear Henry:

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I wish you to know that I especially value the encouragement and support contained in your note of May 1. Please know that I am most grateful to you for your friendly thoughtfulness.

Very sincerely yours,



Philip G. Hoffman
President

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Dear Dr. Hoffman:

Greetings to you from a tennis court.

Enclosed is an article from the current issue of the Reader's Digest. I hope you will take comfort from the fact that you are not alone in this fight for campus peace and decency.

I am also a minority member of our society. I believe I could be of some service to you if you would allow me to be a foot soldier on your side by reasoning with the other minority group.

Shall we play some tennis soon?
Best wishes,

Respectfully,

Henry

Henry Chen

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Thank you very much for your
kind words.

Respectfully,

Yours, Chen

“Quotable Quotes”

HAVE you noticed it's no longer necessary to encourage young people to set the world on fire?

—Arnold H. Glasow

IF THERE'S one thing that makes a husband angrier than his wife refusing to tell him where the money went, it's her telling him.

—Roger Allen in *Grand Rapids Press*

TEMPTATION is an irresistible force at work on a movable body.

—H. L. Mencken

GOD could cause us the keenest embarrassment if He were to reveal to us all the secrets of nature. For boredom and lack of interest we wouldn't know what to do.

—Goethe

ONE THING this country needs is a reduction in its waste line.

—*Brunswick Pilot*

THE SHORT history of some men is that they live so tense that they soon become past tense.

—Jim Goodwin, quoted by Earl Wilson, Publishers-Hall Syndicate

BY INCREASING the size of the keyhole, today's playwrights are in danger of doing away with the door.

—Peter Ustinov in *The Christian Science Monitor*

BUREAUCRACY is based on a willingness either to pass the buck or to spend it.

—Mrs. Henry J. Serwat

MAN is a slow, sloppy and brilliant thinker; the machine is fast, accurate and stupid.

—William M. Kelly, quoted in *Notes, Quotes & Anecdotes*, Canada

PERHAPS host and guest is really the happiest relation for father and son.

—Evelyn Waugh in *Atlantic Monthly*

EARLY to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and apt to mention it.

—Franklin P. Jones in *Family Weekly*

EVERYONE wants the government to be bold and imaginative and infallible—all at the same time. It will never happen.

—John W. Gardner, *No Easy Victories*, edited by Helen Rowan (Harper and Row)

A College President Takes a Stand on Campus Chaos

Dr. Hoffmann
for your file.
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Condensed from an OPEN LETTER

THE REV. THEODORE M. HESBURGH

The trend toward disorder and lawlessness on American college campuses has aroused controversy and confusion among school administrators. Perhaps the most forthright stand taken thus far by a college president is expressed in the following message, written by the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh last February to the students and faculty of the University of Notre Dame. (Father Hesburgh was named chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in mid-March.)

THIS LETTER has been on my mind for weeks. It is time that it be written.

The problem that I address exists everywhere in the university world today. It is not enough to label it the alienation of youth from our society. God knows there is more than enough in our often non-glorious

civilization to be alienated from, be one young, middle-aged or old.

The central problem to me is what we do about our world's wrongs, and in what manner, if we are interested in healing rather than destroying. Youth especially has much to offer—idealism, generosity, dedication, service. But the last thing a shaken society needs is more shaking. The last thing a noisy, turbulent, disintegrating community needs is more noise, turbulence and disintegration. Understanding and analysis of social ills cannot be conducted in a boiler factory. Compassion has a quiet way of service. Complicated social mechanisms, out of joint, are not adjusted with sledge hammers.

Last November, after an "incident," I invited our whole University community—especially its central councils of faculty, administration and students—to state their convic-

tions regarding protests that were peaceful and those that threatened the life of the community by disrupting normal operations and infringing upon the rights of others.

The reaction was practically unanimous that this community recognizes the validity—sometimes even the necessity—of protest regarding the current burning issues of our society: war and peace, especially Vietnam; civil rights, especially of minority groups; the stance of the University vis-à-vis moral issues of great public concern; the operation of the University as university. There was also virtual unanimity that the University could not continue to exist as an open society, dedicated to the discussion of all issues of importance, if protests were of such a nature that the normal operations of the University were in any way impeded, or if the rights of any member of this community were abrogated, peacefully or non-peacefully. Violence was especially deplored as a violation of everything that the University community stands for.

I believe that I now have a clear mandate from this University community to see that: 1) our lines of communication are kept as open as possible, with all legitimate means of communicating dissent assured, expanded and protected; 2) civility and rationality are maintained as the most reasonable means of dissent within the academic community; and 3) violation of others' rights or

obstruction of the life of the University are outlawed as illegitimate means of dissent in this kind of open society.

Now comes my duty of stating, clearly and unequivocally, what happens *if* trouble comes to Notre Dame. I personally hope it never does. But, if it should, anyone or any group that substitutes force for rational persuasion, be it violent or non-violent, will be given 15 minutes of meditation to cease and desist. If the person or persons do not within that period cease and desist, they will be asked for their identity cards. Those who produce these will be suspended from this community as not understanding what this community is. Those who do not have or will not produce identity cards will be assumed not to be members of the community and will be charged with trespassing and disturbing the peace on private property and treated accordingly by the law.

After notification of suspension, or trespass in the case of non-community members, if there is not then within five minutes a movement to cease and desist, students will be notified of expulsion from this community and the law will deal with them as non-students.

There seems to be a current myth that university members are not responsible to the law, and that somehow the law is the enemy, as are those whom society has constituted to uphold and enforce it. I would like to insist here that all of us

SHORTLY after Father Hesburgh's letter to Notre Dame students and faculty came to public attention, President Nixon asked Hesburgh to expand his views regarding campus unrest to Vice President Spiro Agnew, then meeting in Washington with the Governors of the 50 states. Following are highlights from Father Hesburgh's letter to Vice President Agnew:

- The vast majority of university and college students today are more informed, more widely read, better educated, more idealistic and more deeply sensitive to crucial moral issues in our times, more likely to dedicate themselves to good rather than selfish goals, than any past generation of students I have known. Even the most far-out students are trying to tell society

something that may be worth searching for—if they would only lower the volume so we could hear the message.

- The real crisis is not one of authority but a crisis of vision, which alone can inspire great leadership and create great morale in any society. A rebirth of great academic, civic and political leadership, a sharing of some of these youthful ideals and dreams (impossible or not) would be good for our universities and good for America, too.

- Part of that vision must certainly include law and order. But, curiously enough, one cannot really have law and order without another part of the vision: greater achievement of justice in our times, more compassion for all, real love between generations.

- The university community is capa-

are responsible to the duly constituted laws of this University community and to all the laws of the land. There is no other guarantee of civilization versus the jungle or mob rule, here or elsewhere.

If someone invades your home, do you begin a dialogue, or do you call the law? Without the law, the university is a sitting duck for any small group from outside or inside that wishes to destroy it, to incapacitate it, to terrorize it at whim. The argument goes—or has gone—that if you invoke the law, you lose the university community. My response is that without the law you may well lose the university—and, beyond that, the larger society that supports it and is most deeply wounded when law is no longer respected.

I have studied at some length the new politics of confrontation. The rhythm is simple: 1) Find a cause—any cause, silly or not. 2) In the name of the cause, get a few determined people to force a confrontation at any cost of boorishness or incivility. 3) Once this has occurred—justified or not, orderly or not—yell “police brutality.” If it does not happen, try to induce it by foul language, physical abuse, whatever, thereby counting on a larger measure of sympathy from the passive members of the community. 4) Then call for amnesty, the head of the president on a platter, the complete submission to all demands. As one beleaguered president has said, such demonstrators want to be martyrs thrown to toothless lions.

ble, in most cases, of laying down its own guidelines and effectively maintaining them. When moral persuasion and academic sanctions fail to deter those who show open contempt for the life-style and self-declared values of the university community, however, there should be no hesitation to invoke whatever outside assistance is necessary. But let it be understood that the university, and only the university, public or private, makes this determination.

- We are going to win this battle, not by repressing the very values of rationality, civility and openness that we are trying to save, but by using them, and hopefully youth's vigor and idealism as well, to attack the deeper problems yet ahead in our age-long walk out of the jungle into the light.

So it has gone. Must it be so? Must universities be subjected, willy-nilly, to such intimidation and victimization whatever their good will in the matter? Somewhere a stand must be made.

I only ask that when the stand is made necessary by those who would destroy the community, let *them* carry the blame and the penalty. No one wants the forces of law on this or any other campus, but if some necessitate it, as a last and dismal

alternative to mob tyranny, let them shoulder the blame instead of receiving the sympathy of a community that they would hold at bay.

We can have a thousand resolutions as to what kind of society we want. But when lawlessness is afoot, and all authority is flouted, then we either invoke the normal forces of law or we allow the university to die beneath our hapless and hopeless gaze. I have no intention of presiding over such a spectacle here.

I truly believe that we are about to witness a revulsion on the part of state and national legislatures, of benefactors, parents, alumni, and the general public against much that is happening in higher education today. If I read the signs of the times correctly, this may well lead to a suppression of the liberty and autonomy that are the lifeblood of a university community. It may well lead to a rebirth of fascism, unless we ourselves are ready to take a stand for what is right for us. History is not consoling in this regard. We rule ourselves or others rule us, in a way that destroys the university as we have known and loved it.

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of this article, see page 20

Answers to "Word Play" (page 74). Here is one solution for each question. (You may, however, have come up with other correct answers.)
1. Unite and untie. 2. Therein: the; there; he; her; here; ere; rein; in.
3. Hijinks. 4. Strength. 5. Startling; starting; staring; string; sting; sing; sin; in; I. 6. Queue. 7. AuTOMobile; oXYGen; joDHPurs; schiZOPhrenia; luncHEON; maRIJUana; saXOPhone; toMAHAwk.

What Is a Mother?

Condensed from the book

Compiled by

LEE PARR MCGRATH

and JOAN SCOBEY



The search for identity, once an exclusive concern of adolescents and college students, now preoccupies Mother as well. Busily serving her community, helping her husband, and—above all—molding her children into healthy, happy, productive citizens, she increasingly stops to ask, “But who am I?”

In attempts to answer her, psychiatrists have explored her id, polls have surveyed her attitudes, sociologists have written learned reports, foundations have set aside large sums of money to investigate her “role.” Even a President of the United States has set up a Commission on the Status of Women.

Here, for the first time, the question is put to the people who have the answers. We are pleased to present a view of Mother by those who keep her under closest surveillance and probably know her best—her children.

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That is why God
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a mother.

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A mother is the only one if she
sings your favorite song it stops
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Mr. James T. Evans
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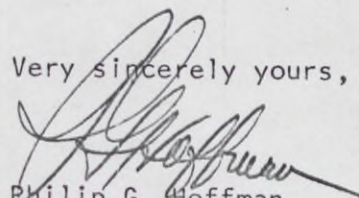
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I'm sorry I missed you when you came by the office the other day.

Very sincerely yours,



Philip G. Hoffman
President

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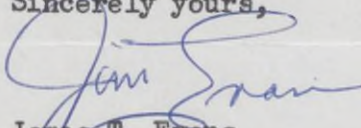
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I am also glad to report that I am surviving the Army as well as it is surviving me. Actually, after seven years of academia, I have found my tour to be a rather refreshing opportunity to digest and further consider a lot of gray areas. I am much surer, now, that I will look back on my military service with pride.

I plan to return in June or July, and I sincerely hope you will count on my help, if there is anything I can contribute. Please extend my greetings to all of your staff.

Sincerely yours,


James T. Evans

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February 17, 1969

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Dr. E. G. Hollman
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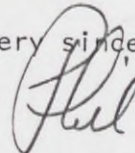
Mr. Newton Gresham
Fulbright, Crooker, Freeman, Bates
and Jaworski
Bank of the Southwest Building
Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Newt:

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President

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FULBRIGHT, CROOKER, FREEMAN, BATES & JAWORSKI
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
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NEWTON GRESHAM
PARTNER

April 29, 1969



A
Dr. Philip G. Hoffman, President
University of Houston
Houston, Texas

Dear Phil:

In today's Houston Chronicle I have just read an account of the address you gave Monday night to your Student Senate. May I congratulate and commend you for it.

It is time that college students learn they do not cease to be citizens when they enroll in college and that their status gives them no privileges and no immunities not held by the ordinary citizen.

If I can be of any help to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Newton", written over a horizontal line.

Newton Gresham

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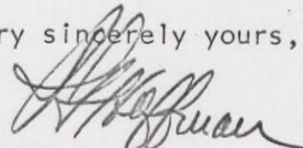
Mr. Oscar R. Gutierrez
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Box 2075
Houston, Texas 77001

Dear Oscar:

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I wish you to know that I especially value the encouragement and support contained in your letter of February 25. Please know that I am most grateful to you for your friendly thoughtfulness.

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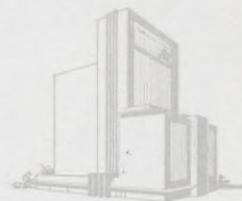
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Done Oscar
Philip G. Hoffman
President
The University of Houston
Houston, Texas



Dear Dr. Hoffman:

Just a few lines to let you know I support your stand--as reported recently in the Houston Post--for strong and swift response to any threat of violence on campus.

I served as editor of the Daily Cougar in 1965, and have continued to follow closely the affairs of the university since graduating in 1967.

Again, let me commend your determination to keep the university open, and the majority of the true students free from coercion and intimidation from the part of the minority.

Sincerely yours,

Oscar Gutierrez
Oscar R. Gutierrez
Staff Writer
Public Relations & Advertising

February 25, 1969

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The University of Houston
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Sincerely yours,

George A. Gundersen
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Staff Writer
Public Relations & Advertising

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Dr. and Mrs. John H. Hill

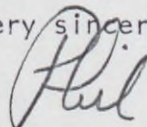
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Dear John and Laurita:

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President

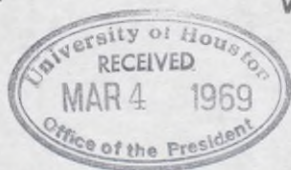
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John & Laurita

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON
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March 3, 1969



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear Phil and Mary:

Laurita and I deeply appreciate your interest in our recent book as well as your nice comments on Mulvany's article which emphasized our interest in dancing. I believe that Arthur Murray has probably contributed more pleasure to his fellow man than Toynbee.

We were delighted to learn that Mary has recovered from her recent surgery. In the matter of your problems with student unrest we have been aware of the strain it has placed on you and for that reason have been distressed.

We think that you have handled a subjective and emotional problem with dignity, poise, and patience. We are sure that your objectivity as well as firmness offer the best solution of insoluble demands of a vocal group. We can only say that our best wishes are with you and Mary.

Sincerely yours,

John and Laurita Hill

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Mrs. Mildred Hirsh

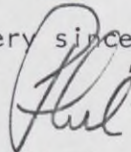
Houston, Texas 77025

Dear Mildred:

The events of the past few weeks have demanded so much time that I have found it impossible to acknowledge promptly the large volume of mail which I have received.

I wish you to know that I especially value the encouragement and support contained in your letter of March 10. Please know that I am most grateful to you for your friendly thoughtfulness.

Very sincerely yours,



Philip G. Hoffman
President

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Dear Melba



March 10, 1969.

Dear Phil,

We just want you to know that those headlines this morning regarding the stand you are taking for Principle were the most comforting and satisfying news news seen in the paper for ages. We want you to know that we are most grateful to you and are glad to be able, in all sincerity, to give you our individual support, in whatever way we can. You are providing us

all with an inspiring ex-
ample of leadership for
which we are most
grateful!

Sincerely,
Mel Hirsch

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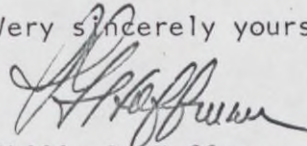
Mr. E. Earl Scruggs
P. O. Box 1780
Houston, Texas 77001

Dear Mr. Scruggs:

The events of the past few weeks have demanded so much time that I have found it impossible to acknowledge promptly the large volume of mail which I have received.

I wish you to know that I especially value the encouragement and support contained in your letters of February 18 and April 30. Please know that I am most grateful to you for your friendly thoughtfulness.

Very sincerely yours,



Philip G. Hoffman
President

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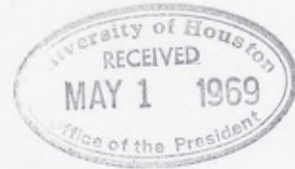
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P. O. BOX 1780

HOUSTON 1, TEXAS

April 30, 1969

A



Dr. Philip G. Hoffman, President
University of Houston
3801 Cullen Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77004

Dear Dr. Hoffman:

I was gratified to read the Chronicle report of your talk to the University of Houston Student Senators and other students. I have watched with dismay and almost unbelief as other universities capitulated under pressure and am relieved to have my thought that it won't happen here confirmed.

While advice can come from anywhere (such as the student body) it seems to me that policy decisions must come from where accountability rests. If the university were not well run, the students and the faculty would not suffer the consequences, but the administration.

I am of the opinion too that small groups on the campuses want to disrupt rather than be appeased. If this is true then demands that are granted will merely be superseded by demands more onerous. So if the issues must be joined, probably the sooner the better.

Sincerely,

Earl Scruggs

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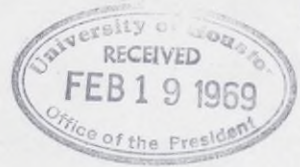
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P. O. BOX 1780

HOUSTON 1, TEXAS

February 18, 1969



Dr. Philip Hoffman, President
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If history teaches us anything it is that appeasement won't work and that yielding beyond the point of good judgment may buy a little time but will cause bigger crises later when the dissidents are stronger.

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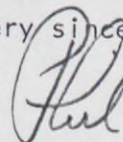
Mr. Irvin M. Shlenker
Vice Chairman of the Board
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P. O. Box 2518
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Dear Irvin:

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Very sincerely yours,



Philip G. Hoffman
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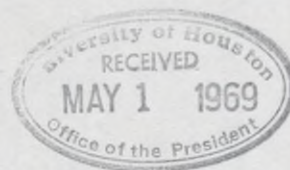
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April 30, 1969

IRVIN M. SHLENKER
VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Dr. Phillip Hoffman
President
University of Houston
Cullen Boulevard
Houston, Texas 77004

Dear Doctor Hoffman:

I have read with a great deal of pride and satisfaction in your friendship about the very fine and courageous stand you are pursuing on your troubled campus.

I am enclosing a clipping which I cut out of the Wall Street Journal in 1963; nevertheless, is far from outmoded and may be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Irvin M. Shlenker

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Notable & Quotable

The Rev. Mr. Francis E. Mahaffy, missionary of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Eritrea, East Africa, in an article, "Social Justice," in the Freeman (Foundation for Economic Education, Inc.):

The term "justice" should not be confused with "charity." Justice, unlike charity, is the province of the state. Justice is blind. It guards the property and protects the life of all alike. It does not discriminate between people. The economic status, religion, color or personality of the individual is of no concern to justice.

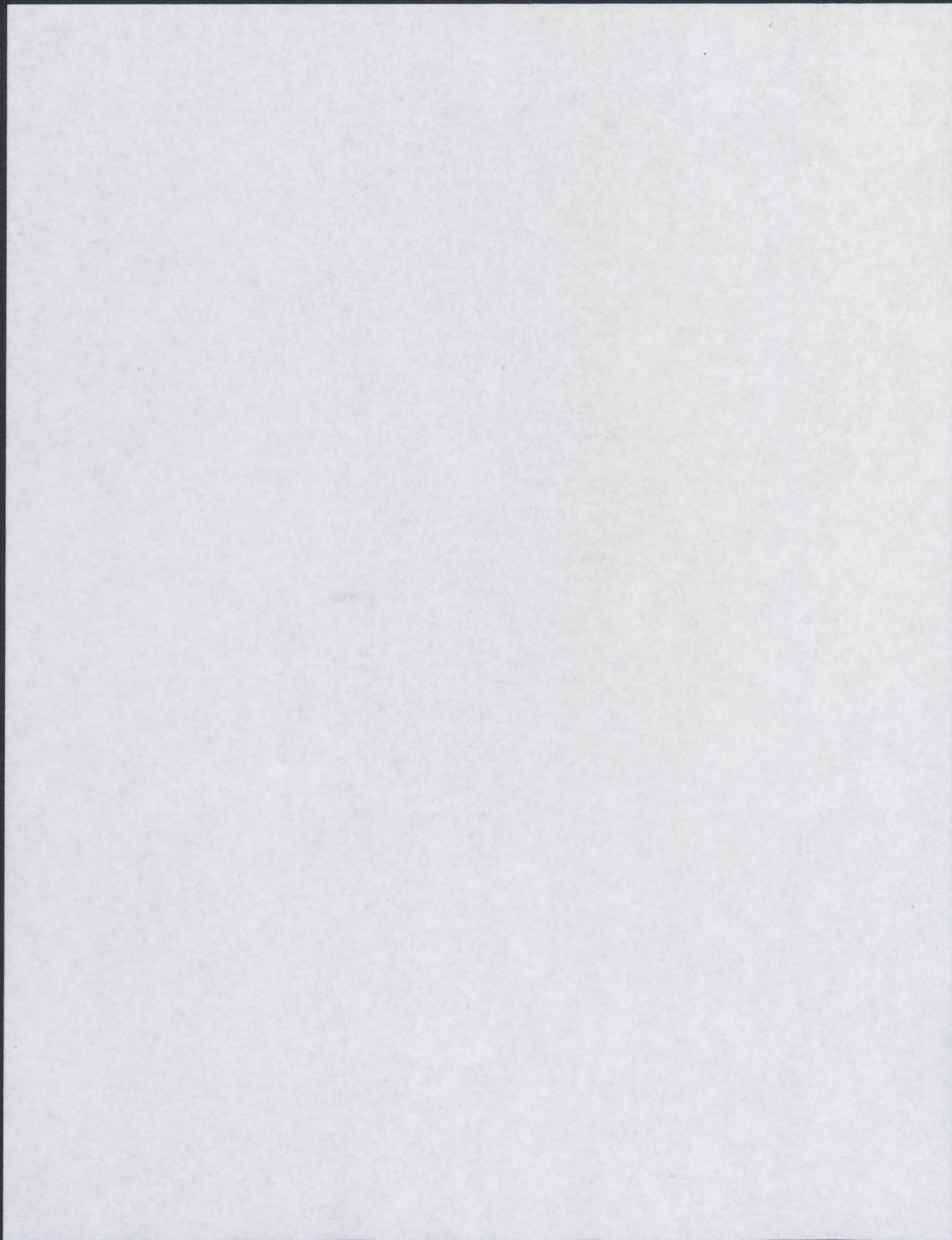
Justice is the execution of the law which treats all men equally. In its exercise the state has the monopoly of the use of force. The one who resorts to violence of one kind or another in his dealing with his fellow men—the murderer, the thief, or the contract breaker—is the recipient of justice wielded by the power of the state. The state has the power of the sword to execute justice.

Some feel that this idea of justice is a cold, heartless concept. They want the state to produce social and economic justice as well. They want justice to include a more equal distribution of the goods of this world. They want charity and sympathy to be effected by the power of the law.

In the process of broadening the meaning of justice to include these political activities, real justice is destroyed. The use of force to take from some to give to others is the very opposite of justice.

Economic equality or economic redistribution cannot be effected by force apart from an unequal, and thus unjust, treatment of individual citizens. When this becomes the policy of the state, justice no longer prevails. The adjective "social" destroys the noun "justice."

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Bellaire, Texas 77401

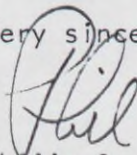
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I wish you to know that I especially value the encouragement and support contained in your letter of May 1. Please know that I am most grateful to you for your friendly thoughtfulness.

Mary joins me in sending our warm best wishes to you and Noyes.

Very sincerely yours,



Philip G. Hoffman
President

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Bellaire, Texas

May 1, 1969

Dr. Philip Hoffman, President
University of Houston
Houston, Texas

Dear President Hoffman

Merely as bystanders,
Hoyes and I have been very
pleased with your handling
of the problems presented by
the demands of some of your
students. We feel you are
to be commended for acting
with dignity and wisdom;
and we wanted you to know
that we appreciate your
position.

Sincerely,

Ruth Smith

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Many joins ^{me} in sending our
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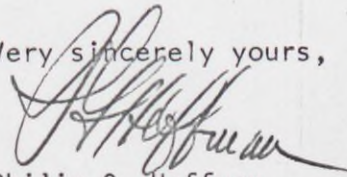
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Department of Chemistry

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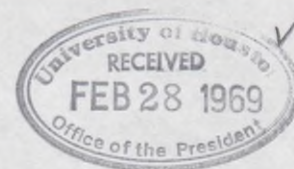


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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

27 February 1969

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If there is any direct way in which I can help with this particular problem, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

M. R. Willcott

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