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TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE STANFORD COMMUNITY OCCUPYING  
THE APPLIED ELECTRONICS LABORATORY:

I want to make it clear that in preventing the normal conduct of University business in University offices and laboratories your occupation of the Applied Electronics Laboratory is a violation of the University Policy on Campus Disruptions.

While I understand your deep commitment to bring change for the better at this University and in this country, you are still not exempt from the ordinary obligations of all members of the Stanford community. I am informing you that your occupation of this building is a violation of a University Policy so that each of you may consider all the implications of your acts. I ask you to leave the Applied Electronics Laboratory and join me and other members of the community in working to resolve, through established and peaceful channels, the profoundly important issues which motivate this demonstration of your concern.



Kenneth S. Pitzer  
President

April 10, 1969

Letter #2

TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE STANFORD COMMUNITY OCCUPYING THE APPLIED ELECTRONICS LABORATORY:

Yesterday I informed you that you were in violation of the University Policy on Disruption. You nevertheless continued to prevent the normal conduct of Stanford University business in University offices and laboratories, thus remaining in violation of that policy.

I understand that this act of civil disobedience is a means of showing to our community the extent of your concern and the depth of your solidarity. I find it an impressive testimony, but we are obligated at this university to protect the rights of all the members of the community. You, in your commitment to your cause, are infringing on the rights of others.

Therefore, I must ask you again to leave the Applied Electronics Laboratory and join the faculty and me in working through peaceful channels to resolve issues which so concern us all. Your failure to leave the building obligates me to initiate proceedings against your actions through the Stanford Judicial Council. The longer the disruption of University activities continues, the more serious will the case become.

*Kenneth S. Pitzer*  
Kenneth S. Pitzer  
President

April 11, 1969