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Dr. Glaser Poses Questions for SRI-University Study Committee

Acting President Robert J. Glaser, who last week named a 12-man committee to study the relationship of the Stanford Research Institute and the University, requested it to determine whether the present relationship should be maintained, and, if so, should the existing arrangements be altered.

The committee was formed following student criticism of the SRI facility and its role with the University. SRI is an independent, nonprofit research organization affiliated with the University.

Student Body President Denis Hayes has recommended that SRI accept no new research contracts involving chemical biological, or counter-insurrectionary warfare pending outcome of the study. Dr. Glaser urged the committee to "complete its work in time to report on or before April 1, 1969."

Dr. Kenneth E. Scott, law, will be chairman of the committee which includes five students named by the ASSU.

In naming the committee, Dr. Glaser pointed out that a study of the SRI-Stanford relationship was carried out three years ago at the instigation of SRI. "During the past summer," he said, "members of the administration and faculty

discussed the need for a reexamination of this relationship, and shortly after his acceptance of the presidency, Dr. (Kenneth S.) Pitzer was brought up to date on the subject and agreed that a study, such as we are contemplating, is in order."

After charging the committee to study the relationship of the facility with the University and whether it should be maintained, Dr. Glaser declared:

"In considering this question, the committee will want to review the general nature of the activities carried on by SRI and their impact, if any, on the University. SRI currently operates independently in respect to its programs; its relation to the University stems from the fact that the Trustees of Stanford appoint the Board of SRI and, for practical purposes are 'the owners' of SRI.

"For suitable perspective, the committee will also wish to review the reasons that led to establishment of SRI in 1946 by the University and the reasons why the relationship was organized as it was. Similarly, the committee may wish to determine the financial implications of the present relationship and any implications of an alteration of the relationship for the University.

"Finally, I should like to point out that your recommendations and report should be directed to Dr. Pitzer who will, of course, have assumed office as President of the University well before the time your work is completed. Action on the committee's recommendations will be the responsibility of the University's Board of Trustees, the body which has final authority."

Members of the committee, in addition to Dr. Scott, are: Anne C. Bauer, junior, sociology; Dr. Barton Bernstein, history; Harry M. Cleaver, graduate, economics; Nick P. Falk, graduate, business; Dr. Frank B. W. Hawkinshire, education; G. Victor Hori, graduate, history; Dr. William K. Linvill, engineering; Dr. Richard Lyman, vice president and provost; J. Patrick McMahon, senior, communications; Dr. David S. Nivison, Chinese and philosophy; and Dr. Ezra Solomon, Dean Witter Professor of Finance.

270 Professors Sign Statement Condemning Campus Coercion

A formal declaration circulated among the members of the Academic Council and signed by 270 professors representing 66 departments of the University encourages orderly settling of grievances in the Stanford community and specifically condemns the use of coercive tactics for any such purpose.

Circulation of the declaration began October 18, and although the deadline for returning signatures has passed, some still are being submitted. The declaration was initiated by a "group of concerned professors from various departments," and does not represent any specific department, school, or segment of the University.

Copies have been sent to Acting President Robert J. Glaser, President-Designate Kenneth S. Pitzer, Vice Presi-

dent and Provost Richard W. Lyman, and Professor Leonard Schiff, chairman of the Academic Senate.

The declaration reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned professors at Stanford:

"1) Encourage the continuing efforts to deal with all grievances within the University community in an appropriate way by orderly processes;

"2) Express our deep conviction that, regardless of the nature of the issue, no matter how righteous the cause, coercive tactics designed to stampede the deliberative bodies of the University into hasty action are contrary to the spirit of rational discussion and the critical examination of issues, without which a University cannot function."