

Senator Fulbright:

April 30, 1970

I have today sent the following telegram to the President of the United States. In view of the serious consequences of this action on our nation, and particularly on our educational institutions, I strongly urge you to call immediate hearings on the impact of his action on our colleges and universities and to invite students, faculty and administration to testify. The statement follows:

The Honorable Richard Nixon
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

President Nixon:

Last night I issued the following statement which I urgently commend to your attention because of the extremely serious consequences of the action which you are reported to be taking:

"In fairness I think we should wait until the President's statement before we make a final judgment. However, if he confirms today's report that the United States is extending its Southeast Asian involvement (cont'd page 2)

to include Cambodia -- and I fervently hope he does not -- then I personally regard this as a mistake of the gravest kind. Our experience in Vietnam has been disastrous enough; surely we should not extend it to Cambodia. No thoughtful American can fail to realize the severe damage to our entire national fabric caused by our continued effort to fight a war about which the nation is, at best, ambiguous and which most college students believe immoral. This action can only deepen the already serious gulf between the Federal Government and many citizens, especially but not only the young. An action of this kind, which I personally find impossible to support, makes it more difficult to defend the Government on other

that matters of national policy. I want to emphasize again that this is a personal statement, but one which is sincerely and deeply held."

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Stanford, California

Following is the text of a telegram sent to President Richard Nixon, Senators Alan Cranston and George Murphy, and Representative Charles Gubser by Richard W. Lyman, provost of Stanford University, as a private citizen 4/30/70:

"Expansion of war to Cambodia is a tragic disaster. Protest American involvement of any kind in Cambodian war. Peace at home depends on peace in Southeast Asia." ###