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Dear Professor Franklin:

I have received your letter of January 21, 1971, responding to mine of January 18. Several points deserve reply.

First, you are not charged with simply "heckling." You are, as stated in my original letter, charged with deliberately contributing to the disturbance which forced the cancellation of the speech scheduled to be given at Dinkelspiel on January 11, 1971, by Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge. The gravity of the charge cannot be lessened by giving it an amusing-sounding name, for it is an offense that strikes at the University's obligation to maintain itself as an open forum. That is an obligation that overrides even the most strongly felt outrage by any part of the community. It is, to put the matter bluntly, an obligation that has bound me to support your freedom to speak out, even in the face of the outrage that your speech on occasion provokes.

I have reviewed the charge in light of your answer. It contains nothing to change my view that you may have acted in a manner which warrants sanctions under the Statement of Policy on Appointment and Tenure. Specifically, on the facts alleged I would propose that you be suspended from all of your professorial duties for the quarter next succeeding resolution of this matter (summer quarter excluded), such suspension to be without pay. In order to avoid acute financial hardship during the period of your suspension, I would propose that you may have your anticipated earnings for the twenty-four months following the beginning of your suspension pro-rated with payments to begin with the period of suspension. Because this penalty, should it be imposed, includes a discriminatory reduction in your salary, it could only be assessed after opportunity for a hearing at the Advisory Board of the Academic Council.

You say in your reply that you wish to be tried before the Stanford Judicial Council. My letter to you did not mention the