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Cincinnati, Ohio
March 21, 1970

"Concerned Members of
The Denison Community"
Denison University
Granville, Ohio 43023

Dear People:

I am sure that your Trustees and your President are also concerned members of the Denison "community". I believe that they also have a real concern for your University. I choose to place my trust in them as concerned people. I suggest that you do likewise.

They have the responsibility for the total welfare and effectiveness of your University. You do not - neither as students nor as faculty.

Why should I trust you and not them. Particularly when you are unwilling to put trust in the normal avenues of communication and influence which are very evident at Denison. Particularly when your use of excessive language - "lives intolerable" - "horror" - "in desperation" - can only make me wonder whether your judgments may not be equally excessive.

I suggest you send your representatives back to the Task Force and go to work with some sense of respect and tolerance on your part. There are many important ways to demonstrate integrity, particularly by faculty members.

Sincerely,