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Dear Professor Matza:

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Could you route this material to the students and faculty members who might be interested in the attempts of engineers in industry to understand the social problems of our civilization?

On May 6th I drove from San Jose to Berkeley to attend a Computer Simulation Seminar at Cory Hall, and found that the seminar had been cancelled at about the time I passed through Hayward. Since the seminar I came for was cancelled, I tried to visit the Sociology Department, but found it was closed. However I did collect some literature on the current crisis from the Sociology Dept. Office.

Among the literature I picked up was your memo of May 5th listing the resolutions passed by the Sociology Dept. I agree with demands 1, 2, and 5. On #3 for the abolition of ROTC, I may be prejudiced on account of my being a graduate of the Signal Corps ROTC, but I think that you sociologists might study the impact of ROTC. I think that there may be subtle factors not considered in the usual arguments. On #4 on ending weapons research at universities, I perhaps should disqualify myself, since I have worked a substantial fraction of my career on weapons research. Perhaps a requirement that no classified (i.e. no secret projects) work be allowed at universities would be a better criterion.

Sincerely yours,

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