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Robert E. Burns, President
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Dear President Burns:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a few reflections on the first of the eight "demands" presented to the "administration" of the University of the Pacific on December 8, 1969.

The second part of the first demand asked "that a Third World House be provided." Before acting on this demand I should like to have a detailed statement from those who will occupy and direct the proposed "house." This statement should describe accurately the relationship of the residents 1) to the house, 2) to one another, and 3) the University. Is the house to be a true co-op in which the ownership of the house is vested and in which the current responsibilities of the house are shared by all the residents? I raise these questions because the revival of the old Co-op House was discussed at the meeting.

In principle, I believe the group to occupy the house should take the responsibility of defining their role in its operation and government more clearly than has the B.S.U. in the document we were given. It is only with such knowledge, in my view, that a reasonable decision can be made.

A hasty action in this demand can perpetuate the paternalism which has, in my view, damaged the relations between black and white in the United States. I see the University as being asked to provide for rather than to work with students in this demand. Since our declared purpose in the "Danforth Report" is away from paternalism and toward partnership in education, I should like to have a more exact description of the "Third World House" before action is taken on this point.

Sincerely yours,

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