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Dear Dr. Hilton:

I have your request to meet with the Faculty Senate relative to the decision on Dr. McClellan.

I can see no useful purpose in holding such a meeting. From reliable sources, including at least two members of the Senate, I have learned that minds are already made up that I should retract the letter of termination which was sent to Dr. McClellan. This I do not propose to do.

It should be obvious that a good deal of time was spent by me in coming to this decision, and that as early as March 4 Dr. McClellan was made aware of some of the concerns we had relative to his tenure at this university.

I respect the right of the Senate to disagree with my judgment, but I hold to my responsibility as the chief administrative officer of the university to have made the decision I made.

Sincerely yours,

**Edgar L. Harden
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