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TO: Dr. John X. Jamrich
FROM: Lowell G. Kafer *Lowell Kafer*
RE: CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION SESSION

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

I am sorry to be late in responding to your request regarding my responses to the Civil Rights Commission charges.

I met with Mr. Willard Wilcox, and we devoted most of our time to two primary issues: (1) the Judicial Process and the various cases that have been handled over the past year and (2) all correspondence relating to the Charles Griffis case. In addition to talking to me Mr. Wilcox also interviewed Norman Hefke regarding the proposed changes in regulations and the proposed changes in the judicial process.

Enclosed are copies of each bit of information I prepared and gave to Mr. Wilcox. Mr. Wilcox asked for the complete logs of discipline cases that we have had during this past year and for me to pull from those logs the number of Black students seen by the various judiciaries and the actions that were the outcome of their decisions.

The Residence Hall Judiciaries had handled 102 cases up to the time Mr. Wilcox was on campus, and of the 102 cases, 3 of the cases involved Black students. 176 cases were seen either administratively by the people in our office or handled by the All-University Student Judiciary or the Student-Faculty Judiciary. Of the 176 cases, 6 Black students were involved in these cases other than the 25 Black students involved in the sit-in situation.

Mr. Wilcox requested also all correspondence and information from the Charles Griffis folder. Charles had written a release statement indicating that it was appropriate for us to release any and all information in his folder. You will find copies of everything given to him in the enclosed package.

Yesterday Mr. Wilcox called long-distance requesting the following additional information:

1. a copy of the proposed changes in the Student Code of Conduct.
2. a complete discipline log for the 1968-69 academic year with an indication which students are black.
3. a listing of the racial composition of each residence hall judiciary, AWS Judiciary, Panhellenic and IFC Judiciary, the All-University Student Judiciary, and the Student-Faculty Judiciary.

We are in the process of collecting this data and will forward it to him as soon as it has been compiled. I will also send copies of each of these documents to your office to complete the file of information presented to Mr. Wilcox. I am hopeful that this information will adequately refute the charge made to the Civil Rights Commission, "The University student disciplinary procedures are applied in a discriminatory fashion. Black students are disciplined more often and more severely. In December 1969,

Mr. Charles Griffis, a Black student who was accused of having a female in his dormitory room and was suspended from school alleges that his suspension was based on race."

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me.

LGK:es