

August 28, 1970

Dear Governor Milliken:

The enclosed letter, originating with the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, is being sent to you as a matter of information. Their letter follows a lengthy investigation conducted by members of the Civil Rights staff of a formal complaint, containing seven specific allegations about discrimination on the campus, and a personal visit on the campus by Mr. Cook.

I would call your attention to the fact that the August 18 memorandum does not provide the detailed results of the Commission's investigation of the seven allegations. And, furthermore, it does move, with its broad and general recommendations, into areas of program decision which are indicative of definite intrusion into the constitutional domain of the Board of Control of the University.

As I indicated to you last spring, this university has not been treated justly and with consideration in the entire matter which arose late during the academic year. The degree of distortion was beyond description and can only be measured now in retrospect as one attempts to review the entire sequence of events. It would be adding to the injustices of the past several months if the Board of this University were to find itself in a position of such intrusion into the area of its basic responsibilities.

It must be emphasized that this university is committed to the fullest possible extension of equality of opportunity, and the Board is on record in its Bylaws, and the University has demonstrated so in its increasing efforts with reference to minority groups seeking higher educational opportunity.

I shall be available to discuss this matter with you or members of your staff, if you so desire.

Sincerely yours,

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