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President John Hannah
319 Administration Building
Michigan State University

Dear President Hannah:

I have returned to the campus after completing the first half of my planned research period in Washington, D. C.

During this past month, I began my research in the files of the Department of State in connection with my projected study of the re-emergence of Japan as a power in Southeast Asia. I have been using the files of the Department of State and have been interviewing various U. S. government officials, as well as the ambassadors of Indonesia, Burma, Philippines, Vietnam, and other Southeast Asian countries with which Japan has negotiated reparations or other agreements during the past ten years.

As a consequence of the growing tensions over the situation in the Indo-Chinese countries, I have been called in to meet with various officials in the Department of State, White House, ICA and the Department of Defense and was asked to brief members of Vice President Johnson's party prior to their departure for Southeast Asia earlier this week.

In addition, while in the East, I spoke to student-faculty assemblies at Brandeis University and Boston University, in consequence of invitations issued to me much earlier. I was also employed as a Consultant to the Special Operations Research Group in Washington in connection with the organization of a special warfare program in Vietnam.

Sincerely yours,

Wesley R. Fishel
Professor

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