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8087 Dr. Pitzer: ...My own views of how we should approach the problem of campus disruption closely paralleled those recently expressed by the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.....

At Stanford, during the past year, we already have made substantial progress almost exactly along the ~~the~~ guidelines proposed by the Commission.

The four suggestions of the commission, in brief, were these:

2. "Universities should prepare and currently review contingency plans for dealing with campus disorders. Advance plans should be made to determine, insofar as possible, the circumstances under which the university will use campus ~~police~~ disciplinary procedures, campus police, court injunction, other court sanctions, and the civil police."

8093 Dr. Pitzer: While Stanford chose to place primary reliance on its own disciplinary procedures, the university never resorted to civil authority. We found the Sheriff's office unusually cooperative and understanding in ~~this~~ this undertaking. Following the police action at Encina, and on the same day, a restraining order was obtained from the court. An injunction was subsequently issued and has proven effective.

8097: Dr. Pitzer: ... Let me make it perfectly clear. We realized there is a small, hard-core of militant radicals committed to the destruction of our institutions, including our universities.

It would not be too difficult to deal with this group alone. The difficulty arises from the sympathy of a large group of idealists for certain stated objectives of the radicals and the accompanying sensitivity of the idealists to any unfairness or arbitrariness in disciplinary action.

We have obtained a restraining order and a court injunction. While these procedures are no cure-all, they seem to have been effective: though mentioned publicly as target ~~xxxxxxx~~ for disruption, neither my inauguration as president nor commencement exercises were disturbed this year....

8154 Dr. Pitzer: The question of whether a member of an organization ~~xxxxxx~~ subscribes to all of the purposes that any entity of that organization has ever declared would, it seems to me, get us in very hot water in terms of trying to investigate all the manifestations of various organizations.

8203 Dr. Pitzer: I think it is much more difficult to talk about intentions or organizations than it is to talk about actual actions of violators of campus rules and regulations.

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Pitzer in Washington

8225 Dr. Pitzer: ... The Dean of Students assisted by a number of members of the faculty, no substantial number of students, made trips through the building, as it were, for a dual purpose. One was to execute the emergency procedures that we had, declaring the building closed and telling them all officially with due notice that they should leave and that they would be in violation if they did not, and at the same time they noted such faces as they recognized.....

Testimony of William Rambo:

8278 Mr. Rambo: ... Further, there was no effort to dissuade faculty members' from their various advisory capacities with agencies of the Federal Government, whether or not those associations entailed access to secret material.

This, I might add, is one of the most important interactions associating university people with the Federal Government