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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 12, 1970

Mr. John Shoch, Deputy Chairman
ASSU Senate
Tresidder Memorial Union
Stanford, California

Dear Mr. Shoch:

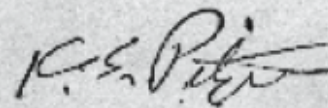
I am in receipt of your letter of February 23, 1970, conveying a February 19 resolution of the ASSU Senate which requests, insofar as I am concerned, that I meet with all members of the University community to discuss the status of ROTC at Stanford.

I share your view that this matter is a complex one and that it is extremely important for all parties involved to have the opportunity to learn of the proposed changes and to make their views on them known. However, as I explained in considerable detail in the letter of February 12, which was written in response to a written request from several campus organizations last month, I do not believe that a single public meeting of limited duration would serve a constructive purpose at this time. Those interested in the subject have expressed their views at considerable length. The recent meeting of the Academic Council offered the opportunity for the members of the Council to seek answers to any remaining questions, and the matter is now before the Council for its decision by mail ballot. The Campus Report has offered to carry further written arguments from members of the faculty in case anything more needs to be said.

There has been very extensive opportunity for those having opinions on the ROTC issue to express them through campus decision-making mechanisms involving committee members nominated by the ASSU as well as the faculty and by communications through a large number of written media.

Finally, you will recall that the present action of the faculty Senate--should it be sustained--calls for a review after one year, which would give ample opportunity to consider further evidence and arguments at that time.

Yours very sincerely,



K. S. Pitzer