

NOTE OF STATEMENT BY PETER ARCHARD ON
RETURN TO
L.T.B. 6 & 7 FROM HEXAGON RESTAURANT

Monday 13th May 1968

Peter Archard:

I would like to inform you all that the people who went over to the Hexagon in order to take it over and barricade themselves in, which numbered a total of about 100, went through the following feelings. Immediately that we had got in there and I was one of those who participated, in spite of the sincerity of our feelings and the sincerity of our actions, we immediately sensed a very rapid fall in morale amongst those people that were in the Hexagon. We furthermore heard from this side, that the feeling here was one of condemnation at such straightforward action and that the morale in this place was also falling off. I addressed the students, after having heard this, and it was decided by all those present except for a number which were very, very few, that in fact they had done the wrong thing and that they were prepared to admit that they had done the wrong thing; that they were now preparing, and were doing so at the moment, abandoning the Hexagon. They will be moving back here to participate in this meeting fully and, except for a few of them who are putting back the furniture which was removed from the Hexagon in the first place. I hope that you won't for one moment in fact doubt the sincerity of the students who took part in this action, in view of the feeling that is running through this University about the issue and I hope that you will accept the fact that these students realised the mistake they made and do not wish in any way to jeopardise the action of obviously what is the majority here in deciding the best course of action to take.

(Transcript of tape-recording)
