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The Secretary, Committee of Enquiry, Room 5A.108.

Dear Sir,

I should like to express my agreement with your statement of principle defined in your document of June 11th.

More precisely, I wholeheartedly support sections (a) and (b), which are genuine principles, but find difficulty in mustering the same degree of enthusiasm for (c). Section (c) is, surely, not a general principle of the same order as (a) and (b), but an attempt to define, for disciplinary purposes, circumstances which can be regarded as being justifiable exceptions to those envisaged by (a) and (b). While I appreciate and support the spirit of (c), I think it must be recognized that (c) is not a very good basis for future disciplinary action in its present state of wording. For example, should not the type(s) of demonstration which is/are permissible (though punishable !) be more specifically described? Also, who is to be the judge of the "extent of the moral justification" for any such demonstration - a small disciplinary committee or the University as a whole ? Finally, who are to be punished: the "ringleaders", their followers, or both ?

Yours faithfully,

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