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THE PRESIDENT

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Mrs. Frances S. Foster
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Dear Mrs. Foster:

I am responding to your letter of February 1, which I read this past weekend, concerning the replacement of our Head Football Coach, Donald Coryell.

I appreciate your expressing the concerns of you and, presumably, some of your associates in Afro-American Studies because, frankly, the concerns you mention are shared by me. Because this particular situation was a most unusual one, in which timing truly happened to be a crucial factor, and because I was required to make a most difficult decision, knowing full well that a decision either way would doubtless result in criticism, I have decided to respond not only to your expressed concerns but also to others who may share these concerns but who have not expressed them. Therefore, I am distributing to the entire University faculty and staff community a rather detailed exposition and explanation of the Gilbert situation and the rationale for the decision that was made.

It is my hope that, while you may not agree in its entirety with the decision I made, you and your colleagues will agree that it was a most difficult choice and one which I made in all fairness with what I conceived to be the best interests of the University under a very special situation.

Sincerely,

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