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Ladies and Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge your letter of February 29 addressed to me and to President Bok.

It is true that our Latin American Program has suffered in many ways because of the incident referred to in your letter. As dean of Faculty, I can assure you that the case was investigated thoroughly; that strong disciplinary actions appropriate to the particular abuses involved were taken; and that the victim has received and continues to receive compensation that any reasonable person must view as generous. In accordance with practice generally encouraged in this country, we followed procedures that were previously established, took account of precedents and attempted to address a difficult situation as fairly and wisely as we could. If I thought that a further public statement would serve a clearly constructive purpose, I believe I am sufficiently aware of my decanal responsibilities to have issued one.

Under the circumstances, your letter displays a degree of moral arrogance that is unusual even by the unfortunate standards prevailing in the academic profession. It pretends to a detailed and objective knowledge of what happened here that you plainly do not have. If the letter reflects your academic work, your students might still consider our university even though the Latin American Program is--for the moment--in difficulty.

One further thought: rather than spending your time lecturing other institutions, why not dedicate yourself with equal fervor to the
avoidance of those very problems at your universities? Good works are more effective at home.

Yours sincerely,

Henry Rosovsky

cc: President Derek C. Bok
Professor A. Michael Spence