

Joint statement by Galbraith and Biron on resignations

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We do not believe that it is in the interests of the University or of the San Diego campus for us to make a detailed public statement at this time of the factors which led to our resignations. The Regents have asked the President to undertake an investigation and to make a report, and we shall await that report before determining what further statements, if any, we should make.

But we owe it to the faculty and students and to the San Diego community to make clear that our actions were not impulsive responses to an immediate problem. There has been speculation that the issue of a great research library was central to our decision. This is not the case. The development of the library, of course, continues to be important, but at this stage we have the full support of the President and the Regents in our library program. Our resignations relate to the present institutional framework of the University. They were dictated by our belief that there are serious deficiencies in the relationship of the administration of this campus with the University-wide administration, which are likely to be aggravated rather than reduced in this era of decentralization unless definite steps are taken soon to improve the situation.

The development of autonomy on the campus requires a high degree of sophistication and sensitivity to local problems on the part of the University-wide officials. We believe that there must be an improvement in communication between this campus and the central administration if a spirit of harmony and cooperation is to prevail.