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To The Barnard Arrested Students

I am sure by now you have a copy of the statement which Barnard College has made about your concerns. At least Mrs. Johnson in the Public Relations Office has a copy for you.

I want you to know two problems I have concerning the release of such a statement. First, Barnard is a small enough college that we can deal with people as individuals. Therefore we are not accustomed as larger universities are to make public announcements of our decisions in relation to our students. After being in a university of some 55,000 students, I find this a welcome change. It provides the opportunity for flexibility in operations which is needed for rational consideration of issues. Your request for a public release will be honored. I am not sure that it will receive much attention.

Secondly, there is the problem I have of communicating directly with you. Most of the letters that reach my desk do so without an address or name. Since the people who come to see me from time to time representing you also change, I am a little vague on how to reach you should there be announcements in which we think you would be interested. Would you be good enough to call Mrs. Landau and give her a name, a telephone number, or a mailing address. We could then communicate with you directly when it would be helpful.

Martha Peterson
President

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