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## College Heads' Statement

Following is a statement issued jointly yesterday by the presidents of the eight Ivy League universities and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology concerning the war in Vietnam and campus demonstrations protesting the war. The school presidents are Dale R. Corson, Cornell; William J. McGill, Columbia; John G. Kemeny, Dartmouth; Derek C. Boak, Harvard; Robert F. Goheen, Princeton; Kingman Brewster Jr., Yale; Jerome Wiesner, M.I.T.; Martin Meyerson, Pennsylvania, and Donald F. Hornig, Brown.

Although none of us can speak for his institution, all of us personally oppose a national policy which seems to be based on the belief that the United States must at almost any cost win the war in which it is engaged in Indochina. The cost of such a policy in human life and suffering are appalling and unjustified. We therefore deplore the bombing of North Vietnam and its civilian population.

America's withdrawal from this brutal war would represent a recognition that this country can overcome past mistakes, for which many

must assume the blame, and would open possibilities for conciliation and bombing can never provide. We believe full disengagement should be pressed and oppose continuation of the air war for any purpose other than the immediate protection of United States troops in the process of withdrawal.

All of us feel deeply the need for Americans of all ages to find nonviolent, constructive outlets for the expression of their views, their distress, and their concern. We support activities to this end as long as they are not at the expense of the rights of others or at the expense of the continuation of constructive, educational, and other scholarly activities of the universities and colleges.

We therefore support the effort of those who work in behalf of candidates sympathetic to their views or communicate their feelings to appropriate government officials. We do not condone coercive action by individuals or groups seeking to impose their particular convictions or concerns on others.

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