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To the Editor:

The Ivy League Presidents have rendered a great service to higher education in their joint statement of April 19th, deploring renewed American bombing of North Vietnam and its civilian population. Making this forthright declaration obviously took tremendous courage.

Conspicuous among those responsible for our international policies since World War II have been Acheson, Dulles, Rusk, Rogers and Kissinger, educated at such famous universities as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Cornell and Oxford. The public has urgently needed the Ivy League reminder that the policies of these men are discordant with the highest intellectual and ethical standards of great institutions of learning.

From the outset, French and British military leaders, familiar at first hand with Asian campaigning, have pointed out that the United States could not possibly win in Vietnam and that, if America persisted in pushing the war there far enough, it would find the Soviet Union and the Chinese Peoples Republic forgetting their differences and combining in a massive undertaking to throw us out. It is also well known that President Eisenhower, with his extensive military experience, flatly refused to send American troops into Southeast Asia, even though he was constantly being pushed by some members of his Cabinet to get into the war in a massive way.

The Ivy League statement deserves to be read by every administrator, faculty member and trustee of every college in America. If, in their own self interest, all university and college presidents would speak up in the same vein, it would also help persuade our Senators and Congressmen to cut off the funds that permit the Administration to pursue an utterly immoral and inhumane course in Vietnam without public sanction, and to subject the citizens of America to a crushing burden of taxation in a completely lost cause.

Sincerely yours,

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