

STATEMENT OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, OFFICERS OF THE RICE STUDENT ASSOCIATION, AND STUDENT MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT-FACULTY COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENTIAL SELECTION:

A group composed of college presidents, officers of the Rice Student Association, and student members of the Student-Faculty Committee on Presidential Selection met with Dr. Masterson for five hours yesterday, February 22, 1969. Dr. Masterson has refused any further meetings with this group or with the Student-Faculty Committee on Presidential Selection. The student group can only interpret this action by Dr. Masterson as a refusal to consider the crucial issue of due process. In view of Dr. Masterson's refusal to consider the issue of due process and his consistent rejection of possible alternatives, and in view of the overwhelming faculty rejection of Dr. Masterson, this student group has concluded that Dr. Masterson is unacceptable as president of Rice University. We can only hope that the Board of Trustees recognizes the impossible situation created by Dr. Masterson's remaining president of Rice University.