Remarks of Mr. Edward W. Carter, Chairman of The Regents of the University of California.
Dedication of Irvine campus, June 20, 1964.

On behalf of The Regents of the University of California I am honored to welcome President Johnson to the dedication of our new Irvine campus.

It seems particularly fitting that the President of the United States should be present at this ceremony for in considerable measure the University of California is truly a national university. Its contribution to federal research through the National Science Foundation, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Defense, the National Aeronautic and Space Administration and particularly the Atomic Energy Commission amounts annually to over three hundred million dollars or just about half of the total expenditures each year for all purposes by the University. These governmental funds are directed here largely because we have in residence a staff uniquely well qualified to undertake the exacting research. Dramatic evidence of its competence is the inclusion therein of approximately one-fourth of the world's Nobel laureates in sciences and about one-eighth of the members of the National Academy of Sciences.

Moreover, the University of California is generating a substantial number of the federal government's top administrators. Indeed, members of the President's own official family who are graduates of the University of California include Secretary of State Dean Rusk, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency John A. McCone and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission Glenn T. Seaborg, among others. And of course Chief Justice Earl Warren is a distinguished alumnus.
In its international role the University is likewise serving the nation well. Approximately 5000 foreign students from one hundred countries attended the University of California this year representing more than eight per cent of our total enrollment and numerically more than attended any other college or university in the nation. We are administering certain Peace Corps training programs and have been providing more foreign service officers to the Diplomatic Corps than any institution in the country. The university's Education Abroad program includes undergraduate study centers for American students in France, Germany and Italy and new ones now being launched in Spain and Japan. Other scholars and scientists are active in a wide variety of projects throughout the world.

Other speakers on this program have and undoubtedly will set forth something of the important position that the University of California occupies in the affairs of California and I should merely like to concur by stating that it is my considered opinion that the University of California is the single instrument most responsible for this state's unmatched and continuing economic, cultural and educational ascendency.

The Regents are establishing here at Irvine this large new campus simultaneously with the additional ones in San Diego and Santa Cruz in order to accommodate the prospective increase of student enrollment during the next half dozen years from about 65,000 to 100,000. The rejected alternative was to raise the admission standard above its already lofty level of the upper twelve per cent in high school achievement. Our objective is to build here a first-rate undergraduate and graduate institution complete with professional schools ultimately
expected to reach 27,500 in student population and dedicated in addition to research and public service of a high order.

In 1927 I had the privilege of attending just such a ceremony as this in connection with the initial construction on the then nearly bare acreage which was UCLA. Let us hope that by the year 2000, a similar span since that dedication, Irvine will have taken its place, as UCLA already has, among the truly great centers of higher learning in the land.

Before closing I should like to thank our colleague, Governor Brown, for his always strong contribution towards the University's welfare and specifically for having placed on the November ballot a bond issue the passage is essential to the orderly development of this campus.

May I say to you, Mr. President, that we are honored by your presence on this important occasion and grateful for your administration's support of higher education in general and the University of California in particular.