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Dear feudatory, employee, and henchman,

Michael was here for a night on his way to Dumbarton Oaks (I could not go because I am leaving in a few days) and we discussed thousands of things without ever finishing a single subject. It was delightful and he in good condition: nothing does all of you (or us) so good as having some responsibility. You'll find him very much changed, and to the better. One of the subjects was a certain Mr. Giesey, and while we were in the midst of the conversation, may be, 800 students marched through my quiet street, carried away my garbage can using the cover as a drum, stole most of the other garbage cans, and then went on a raid of panties (see clipping)¹ chanting "We want sex". Michael and I were convinced that next year you would *dirae necessitatis causa* join the rioting students. This would not enhance the reputation of the Institute. But you can see what a place of 12,000 souls is like plus 3,500 boy students who are carnal-minded.

Drop a line to Wadham College, Oxford, so that I can contact you. Has Edouardo Roditi called on you? He is rather amusing, indeed very amusing, though I am not sure to what extent you will like that existentialist type—although he will be full of admiration for you because you have devoted some part of your life to funerals.

Love
EKa [Signed]

[Overleaf:] Have you received from the feudal sovereign lord your letter of appointment? Your oath of fealty, however, goes to me—no liege lord here. Nor has Dr. Oppenheimer anything in common with Bobby nor is he identical with the latter's famous seminar paper, second only to the umbrella dissertation. [\[on this, cf. 8 Dec 53 letter, n. 10\].](#)

¹ Special to the N. Y. Journal-American:
PRINCETON, N. J., April 29.

Rioting Princeton University students were dispersed early today after storming through the streets of this staid college town following a campus air raid drill. Two youths were arrested and Ptl. John Markuson was cut by flying glass as more than 1,000 rampaging students broke store windows, ripped down street signs and overturned mail boxes and garbage cans. William Wright, 15, Princeton freshman, and Tad D. Hammond, 20, Omaha, Neb., expelled from the university last week, were booked on charges of disorderly conduct.

HALTED BY DEAN,

Markuson was taken to Princeton Hospital with lacerations of the back and both hands. Dean Francis Godolphin issued an ultimatum at 12:30 a.m. that broke up the student mob. Standing in Palmer Square in the center of town, he told the yelling crowd: "**Any man not back in his dormitory within two minutes will be liable for disciplinary action.**" Two minutes later the square was clear. Hundreds of residents complained about the rioting under-graduates and the inability of police to disperse them. Students ignited firecrackers from dormitory windows after the blackout air raid drill started at 9:35. When the lights came on, undergraduates started a parade down Nassau st. A trail of damage marked the four-mile route.

CHANT FOR SEX,

They marched on Westminster Choir College a mile away and chanted "we want sex" outside a woman's dormitory. Several girls on an upper floor threw out a few articles, including panties. The students swept through the town, exploding a firecracker in the Playhouse Theatre on Palmer Square. At the Garden Theatre on Nassau st., more than 100 students left the mob to storm down the aisles and mount the stage. Their screams broke up the showing of a motion picture.

Town police joined university proctors in unsuccessful efforts in to quiet the mob on the street. A plate glass window was shattered in a scuffle outside a shoe store. The three-hour demonstration was said to have been touched off by backers of Joseph A. Sugar, of Bexley, Ohio, candidate for senior class president. After the riot Sugar said he had been studying in a library, and "didn't even know what was going on."