The media must be liberated, must be removed from private ownership and commercial sponsorship, must be placed in the service of all humanity. We must make the media belong to the American people, representing a "estate" having the obligation and conscience, responsibility to speak up and act for the American community—an "estate"—having the obligation and responsibility to the American people.

Only by meeting these demands will you fulfill your responsibility to the American people.

In light of these facts, we feel justified in demanding the following from the networks:

We, the following groups from colleges throughout the country, representing the students, faculty and all events which represent the dissenting voices of recent times, the duration of the current crisis—one of the gravest crises in the history of the American nation. With the—killings of students at Kent State University, the democratic forms of the American political life are in a crisis of importance and near breakdown. The Administration's attacks upon dissent combined with constitutional presidential launching of new military campaigns and violations of the war have brought us to a cross point in the history of the national unities.

The communications media, while reacting to the specific events such as the killings at Kent State, have not responded up to the immense scale of the crisis. This crisis—instead of receiving the amount of time called for by its gravity—has been squeezed into the standard programming and promotional plugs of "normal" TV practice.

Furthermore, we regard the student bodies and faculties of American universities as, at this time, representing a "clear and present danger" to inalienable rights. The communications media, while reacting to the specific situations such as the Kent State killings, have been squeezed out of time and space. The community has not measured the seriousness to a "clear and present danger" to inalienable rights, and the communications media has failed to fulfill its stewardship of the public airwaves in not responding with sufficient and crucial urgency to the needs of the American people and the world.

The communications media must be removed from private ownership and commercial sponsorship, must be placed in the service of all humanity. We must make the media belong to the American people, representing an "estate", having the obligation and conscience, responsibility to the American people. We must assume conscious control over the videosphere. We must wrench the intermedia network free from the archaic and corrupt intelligence that now dominates us.