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TO: Interested colleagues and students
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At the suggestion of a number of friends, two students and I have attempted to structure a brief chronological summary of the events leading up to the current crisis. We have used the Phoenix, the Gater, the city papers and our own personal files as our main sources.

Please help us to correct and amend this draft to improve its value as basic reference information to all who are interested. Just telephone or send a note to us here in the office, HIL138, Ext. 2068, any time before January 16 and then we will redistribute a revised edition.

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Main Events Leading to the Current Crisis

Abbreviations: AS--Associated Students; BSU--Black Students Union; Tac Squad--San Francisco Police Tactical (Riot) Squad; TWLF--Third World Liberation Front; GAE--Committee for Academic Environment (a student group favoring open campus); MAPS--Movement Against Political Suspensions, organized mainly by BSU and SDS; SDS--Students for Democratic Society

- Jan. -, 1964 BSU recognized as a student group by the college.
- April 17, 1966 Juan Martinez hired by History Department for 1966-1967.
- Sept. 1, 1966 BSU subsidized by the Associated Students.
- Spring, 1967 Departmental discussion on thorough curricular revision preparing for quarter system.
- May 25, 1967 Fitzgerald hired by History Department.
- Summer..1967 Open Process involved in dispute for publishing controversial materials, causes Ryan and other politicians to criticize college.
- Fall...1967 ROTC referenda--students and faculty.
- Oct. 19, 67 First proposal by Windmiller for convocation on the Viet Nam War.
- Oct. 25, 67 Research funds at SFSC cut by \$450,000
- Nov. 6, 67 Fire in Merced Hall lounge labeled as possible arson.
- Nov. 6, 67 Gater office destroyed and editor beaten by Blacks, including 9 members of the BSU.
- Nov. 8, 67 George Murray suspended--before trial--by Summerskill.
- Nov. 10, 67 BSU members urged by Willie Brown, including George Murray, to turn themselves in to SF Police. Gater announces letter sent to Carnegie Foundation to block \$250,000 grant to BSU.
- Nov. 13, 67 Viet War Convocation begins. College Union vote is put off all year.
- Nov. 13-22 Viet Nam War Convocation and voting.
- Nov. 20, 67 Open Process editor Blair Paltridge and reporter Jefferson Pollard suspended--prior to trial--for publishing an obscene poem.
- Dec. 4, 67 First MAPS rally.
- Dec. 6, 67 MAPS breaks window and forces campus to close. No police called onto campus.

- Dec. 9, 67 Trustees' emergency meeting, reprimand and threaten to fire Summerskill for not summoning police.
- Dec. 12, 67 MAPS sit-in over BSU suspensions.
- Dec. 12, 67 Faculty resolution supporting Summerskill.
- Jan. 5, 68 Further Trustees meeting, Summerskill retained.
- Jan. 10, 1968 Warrants issued against Gerassi and 11 others for participation in December 6 demonstration. Gerassi fired.
- Jan. 8, 68 Hiring of Nathan Hare (staff VP Academic Affairs)
- Feb. 22, 68 Summerskill resigns, effective as of 9/1/68.
- Feb. 23, 68 AS votes against ROTC, overturning the Fall 1967 vote.
- Feb. 27, 68 Fitzgerald fired.
- Feb. 29, 68 TWLF formed, demands admission of more non-white students and retention of Martinez and Fitzgerald.
- March 15, 68 TWLF to meet with administration--no administrators show up.
- March 22, 68 Demonstration against Marines erupts into a brawl.
- April -, 68 Court trial of BSU members involved in Gater incident. Eight, including Murray, receive 6-month suspended sentences.
- April 26, 68 International Day Protest Strike.
- March 21, 68 Academic Senate resolves to ban ROTC, asks for faculty referendum. Faculty votes 282-251 to keep ROTC. SDS-TWLF hold sit-ins during the week. Police called in four times.
- March 23, 68 Summerskill agrees to form Special Admissions program and retain Martinez. Summerskill leaves for Ethiopia.
- May -, 68 George Murray hired by English Department.
- Sept. -, 68 Faculty study to vote on APROTC again. No money for Special Admissions.
- Oct. 9, 68 Hare presents Black Studies program proposal. BSU starts demand for its immediate implementation.
- Oct. 22, 68 Murray speaks at Fresno, calls Trustees racists and urges assassination of nation's leaders as slave masters. Dunke requests Smith to assign Murray to non-teaching duties. Smith declines, announces investigation of Murray's unprofessional conduct by faculty committee. Later it was revealed that grievance procedure was under review--hence no faculty committee (then.)

- Oct. 23, 68 Murray urges black Students to arm themselves for self defense.
- Oct. 29, 68 District Attorney's investigation of Murray, requested by Mayor Alioto, uncovers no wrong-doing.
- Oct. 31, 68 Dumke orders suspension of Murray.
- Nov. 1, 68 Smith requests meeting with Dumke and Merriam to discuss the suspension of Murray. Alioto supports Smith.
- Nov. 4, 68 Original BSU demands expanded to ten, including full Black Studies Department, etc. White Students Communication Committee plans strike tactics. AFT and AS Legislature endorse strike.
- Nov. 5, 68 Stokely Carmichael addresses BSU and TWLF. White radicals agree to BSU directive not to cause police to be called on campus on the 6th.
- Nov. 6, 68 Strike begins. Tac Squad on campus at 1:35. Smith closes campus.
- Nov. 12, 68 400 participate in rally. Four arrests. 700 faculty members meet, adopt "censure Dumke" motion. BSU rejects arbitration. Smith warns faculty against strike.
- Nov. 13, 68 Campus closed by faculty after police-student clash. Faculty decides to remain in continuous session until crisis is resolved.
- Nov. 14, 68 Senate passes Black Studies program, proposes task force to plan other Ethnic Studies in response to TWLF demands.
- November 15, 68 At special faculty meeting Hayakawa speaks on racism and calls for Smith to reopen campus.
- Nov. 18, 68 Smith, senators, at L. A. Trustees meeting.
- Nov. 19, 68 Smith delivers "state of the campus" address, suggests 90-day moratorium.
- Nov. 20, 68 First Convocation begins. Trustees order use of police to reopen campus, no negotiation; ask Reagan for more money.
- Nov. 21, 68 Twlf, BSU walk out on convocation because some classes continue. Smith asks for faculty confidence vote. Police fire warning shots to disperse demonstrators.
- Nov. 22, 68 Smith cancels p.m. classes for faculty-student meetings, announces confidence referendum result: 612-277 in his favor. Faculty votes 487-15 for convocation II.

- Nov. 26, 68 Convo II begins in the afternoon after delays in the morning.
- Nov. 26, 68 BSU- TWLF, angered by continued suspension of students, walk out on Convo II. Smith resigns. Trustees appoint S. I. Hayakawa as acting president. Hayakawa closes campus for the Thanksgiving holidays.
- Nov. 30, 68 Hayakawa declares State of Emergency, forbids unauthorized use of Speakers platform and sound equipment, announces his personal friend, millionaire Clement Stone's \$100,000. Trustees adopt 10-point disciplinary code.
- Dec 2 68 Ray Boyle and Hayakawa clash, at 7:55 a.m. Hayakawa mounts student sound truck, tears out the wiring. Students rally at noon--ten arrests, five suspensions. AS legislature awards life-time membership to all students arrested or suspended for strike activities. George Murray suspended again for speaking at rally. Hayakawa promises police on campus until no more demonstrations.
- Dec 3 68 43 arrested, one policeman injured. Black political and civic leaders Cecil Williams, Willie Brown, Ron Dellums and Carleton Goodlett appear at noon rally in support of striking students.
- Dec 4 68 AFT seeks strike sanction from SF Labor Council. Academic Senate votes not to disband. Black community leaders and 5 professors speak at noon rally. Hayakawa reads sec. 602.7, California Penal Code. AS retains Terrence Mallinan to seek restraining order against Tac Squad on campus. CAE seeks recall of the AS government.
- Dec. 5 68 Clement Stone of Chicago admits hiring and paying or advertising agent M. Teilman for Hayakawa.
- Dec. 5 68 25 (approx.) arrests, including black newspaper publisher Goodlett. Police draw guns on students who have marched into the administration building. Academic Senate chairman criticizes Hayakawa for not consulting with the senate or faculty.
- Dec 6 68 Largest rally of the week at noon. Black community leaders pledge continued support of striking students. Hayakawa concedes to six of the 15 demands. Speech department professor McGuckin reveals that the concessions had been offered to the students by some of the faculty four weeks before. BSU and TWLF reject Hayakawa concessions. Art department accuses police of stealing two strike posters.
- Dec 7 68 Hayakawa charges strikers are hopped up on drugs.
- Dec 8 68 TWLF leader A. Alvarado arrested on outstanding warrant after rally at SF Civic Center.
- Dec. 9 68 SF Labor Council grants strike sanction to AFT, to become effective at date decided by its executive committee. Mounted police on campus. Hayakawa walks out on K&SD interview, angered by questions on student attendance and pressure exerted on churches near campus to deny sanctuary to classes. 16 department chairmen (joined later by 261 faculty members) appeal for lifting State of Emergency, no police on campus, and settlement by negotiation.

- Dec. 10, 68 Trustees reject mediation. Tac Squad searches church across street for strikers. LeRoy Goodwin of BSU declares war at noon rally. Hayakawa temporarily lifts suspensions of 28 students. Ronald Haughton called in as mediator. SF Chronical reports 88 arrests during first week of Hayakawa administration.
- December 11, 68 12 arrests. Police break up student picket lines early in the morning. AFT picket line in front of Administration building. Eric Solomon declares AFT on strike after arrest of Bridges Randall. Police arrest 3 on the grounds of the Ecumenical House. Clement Stone admits hiring and paying for advertising agent M. Teilsman for Hayakawa.
- December 12, 68 Hari Dillon declares following Monday to be Third World Community Day. SF Officers for Justice (Black Officers) endorse BSU-TWLF demands. Hayakawa considers disciplinary action against striking teachers. 14 people arrested.
- December 13, 68 AFT informational picketing. Hayakawa closes campus for Christmas holidays one week early. Edile Milne—black reporter with the Examiner—is fired by the paper after his arrest on the campus.
- Dec. 13-18 Churches close to classes from campus.