

DATE: October 7, 1977

To : Professor Martin E. Hellman

FROM : John J. Schwartz

SUBJECT:

Dear Professor Hellman:

I am writing in response to your memorandum to me of October 3, 1977. The University's legal office has examined the letter from Mr. Meyer and the laws and regulations to which he refers. It is our opinion that the dissemination of the results of the research you describe is not unlawful.

You are already aware, of course, (from the letter of Mr. Meyer) that at least one contrary view exists, and should such view be adopted by the Federal Government you could be subjected to prosecution. Because the dissemination of the research is within the scope of your duties as a member of the faculty, the University would defray the reasonable costs of your defense against such a prosecution; nevertheless, there would always remain a risk to you personally of fine or imprisonment if the government prevailed in such a case.

Needless to say, we will consider further whether there are steps which might be taken to eliminate the concerns that you have raised.

Sincerely,



John J. Schwartz  
University Counsel