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Mr. Eugene Schwartz
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Dear Mr. Schwartz:

I want to thank you for sharing with me the packet of information detailing your project to publish an anthology on the social history of student leadership and activism on U. S. college campuses during the mid-twentieth century. My review of the material has convinced me that the project has great value and that the proposed book will be a significant contribution to knowledge.

As a historian specializing in the history of the U. S. during the post World War II era, I am very aware of the impact that the so-called "GI Generation" student leaders and organizations had on the development of higher education in those years. Until now, however, there has been a dearth of readily available information about the National Student Association, the activist students who formed and led the organization, and the specific events and social processes with which they were associated.

Your anthology promises to shed new light on key aspects of a number of important topics, including the domestic Cold War, the civil rights movement, and the creation of the Peace Corps. I am especially pleased that the publication will include the personal testimony of many of those who were so deeply involved in these landmark events. These memoirs will be useful to historians in the future who are working on a number of issues relating to the period.

I am pleased to endorse the publication of "American Students Organize" and I do so with much enthusiasm. I also am eager to read the final product and I look forward to seeing it in book form.

Sincerely,

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Don Carleton
Director and J.R. Parten Chair
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