MIT'S Mission: To Move From Strength to Greater Strength

The following is the complete text of the statement made jointly by James R. Killian, Chairman of the Corporation and Julius A. Stratton, President of the Institute, at the time of the announcement of the Second Century Program.

"We live today in a world of increasing complexity, change, and competition. It is a time of challenge to American leadership. From the pivotal position in international affairs, the United States stands responsible for the security of the Free World. This is a great trust. It requires sustained economic, military and moral strength. It requires steady advance to a higher performance in all aspects of our national life.

"In unorganized countries throughout the world we see the 'revolution of rising expectations.' In terms of its own legitimate expectations, America too, in still an 'underdeveloped' country with enormous potential for enhancing human welfare. If we keep our science and technology vigorous and creative, we can build a stronger society. We can move to higher levels of health and economic achievement. We can steadily increase our investment in people and their growth and well-being. We can make an even greater contribution to the peace and prosperity of all peoples.

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"The greatest part of the support MIT receives, chiefly from Federal agencies, for sponsored research, could be directed toward specific projects. We have an urgent need for unrestricted funds for basic research — the kind of research which may have no immediate application, but which in the long run may produce the greatest good for the world. We have earmarked $400,000 for this purpose.

"Eight New Professorships

"Maintaining the high quality of our faculty is MIT’s first requirement. Salaries in education have lagged at a time when the cost of living has been spiraling upward. Our situation is not as bad as that of many colleges in that the recognition for the past has a protective function. We can do this best by making sure that MIT’s education continues to place us in the future high advanced mathematics and science. The ex- cered progress at the frontiers of science involves this obligation with a special urgency.

"With the fortunate opportunity MIT has had in its first century to achieve a position of leadership, the Institute is obligated more than ever to continue its drive for full, disinterested responsibility. In its leadership for full, disinterested responsibility, the Institute’s full potential, by moving from strength to greater strength, will meet that same obligation, that its management as MIT enters its second century.

"In the first hundred years, MIT is now established less than a decade before the end of its first century. We are looking to MIT to lead in the future as we did in the past. The first hundred years of MIT are the beginning of its second century.

Julius A. Stratton, ’23, President
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