



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 8, 1957

To Members of the Faculty and Staff:

You have doubtless by now read in the public press of my appointment by President Eisenhower to serve as his Special Assistant for Science and Technology. The invitation from President Eisenhower came under conditions which seemed compelling.

The Executive Committee of the M.I.T. Corporation has granted me a leave of absence without specified duration, but with the expectation that I will return as President of the Institute at the earliest appropriate time. The Executive Committee has also asked Chancellor Julius A. Stratton to serve as Acting President and Chancellor during this period. I expect him to act with complete and independent authority in my absence.

I have complete confidence in Dr. Stratton's capacity to discharge the duties of the President and the Chancellor. I am certain he will have your full support in carrying out his dual responsibilities. While I deeply regret having to be absent from the Institute, I have responded to President Eisenhower's request with a sense of urgency and of public responsibility that has for so long characterized the members of the M.I.T. community in response to the call of public service.

Yours sincerely,
J.R. Killian, Jr.

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