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Dear Dr. Carlos Torres,

This past spring, I sent you a letter and a follow-up email concerning the facts of my termination from the GSE&IS. I also included a page of faculty members' statements offered to me following my termination. I asked whether you'd be interested in examining these facts, as those faculty members quoted had.

A few of your colleagues' responses to my inquiry suggest to me that I could offer a perspective from which the matter might be more clearly seen.

Let us suppose that you were aware of facts showing that a graduate student was violating the University's academic and ethical principles. Let us suppose further that several of your colleagues also were aware of these facts. Finally, let us suppose that you and your colleagues chose to remain mute on the matter in the face of the University's stated mission and the University's entire faculty and student population.

It is quite unlikely that professors would engage in this conduct, for reasons that hardly need stating. But to be sure, were these professors to knowingly disregard students' violating the University's academic and ethical principles, they would be seen as active participants in conduct that destroys the foundation and credibility of this University (to say nothing of their own credibility).

Another faculty member in the Education Department has told me that he is willing to examine the facts of my termination if he is asked to by one of his colleagues. Therefore, I would like to know if you would be interested in examining these facts along with him.

Sincerely,
Tom Wilde

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