choke out older growth after clear-cut logging? What of the pH factor? In other words, we badly need some documented answers and references.

Is there anyone who would be willing to help us? We will be glad to send any further information, including a copy of the wilderness proposal.

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Surmounting a Crisis

Harry A. Ackley's letter (26 June) regarding events at the department of pediatrics of the University of California, San Francisco, needs clarification. On 7 May Governor Reagan requested that the university be closed until 11 May. The closing, plus events in Cambodia, Kent State, Augusta, and elsewhere stirred this campus as never before in its history. "Informal" faculty, staff, and student meetings were held continuously. All of the meetings were emotionally charged, and countless resolutions were passed. The entire campus community was searching for a rational response to what many perceived as a campus and national "crisis." During the official closing, the pediatrics department met all of its patient-care responsibilities, and when the campus reopened, it met its responsibilities to students, patients, and research.

On 11 May when the Academic Senate was able to resume official meetings, it stated: "The current nationwide and University crisis makes normal conduct of courses difficult if not impossible and these circumstances place a special obligation on faculty members to insure that the educational and personal needs of students are protected." Ackley stated later: "I have no knowledge as to whether research was interfered with or stopped during this period of time. Specifically my education was not interfered with; the University was officially closed 7 May through 10 May, and I was on vacation from 11 May through 25 May."

These were trying days. The campus was not "taken over" for use as a "political machine." The fact that patientcare responsibilities were met is an everlasting credit. . . .

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