On January 15th, James Grier Miller will be in residence as the executive vice-president and primary administrative officer of the Center. Since January 1, 1980, Dr. Miller has been co-chairman and honorary chairman of the Center’s board of directors, during which time he has been completing a distinguished career as the president of the University of Louisville. On October 1st, he announced his retirement from that position in order to assume his new and expanded responsibilities with the Center.

James Grier Miller has been the president of the University of Louisville since 1973. He came to that position after serving as the vice-president of the Academy for Educational Development in Washington, D.C., the vice-president of Cleveland State University, and the director of the Mental Health Research Institute at the University of Michigan. He has taught at Michigan, Northwestern, and Harvard Universities and at the University of Chicago during Robert Hutchins’ presidency there. Dr. Miller holds advanced degrees from Harvard in philosophy and psychiatry. For seventeen years he has been the editor of the journal, Behavioral Science. His books include Living Systems, published in 1978.

Dr. Miller’s appointment signifies that the Center is making a concerted attempt to take the riches of the university’s resources and redirect them toward the attainment of its own objectives. There also will be fresh exploration of certain important scientific fields which beckon for more careful and sustained attention. The dialogues, conferences, and research projects on the basic issues — the perennial topics of the Center’s attention — will continue, of course, within the context of this expanded range of concern.

We welcome James Grier Miller to the Center and to Santa Barbara. We look forward to a cordial and fruitful association. As the transition continues to work its way, we are confident that he will provide strong and creative leadership. The Center is fortunate indeed to be able to call upon his talents.

— WALTER H. CAPPS
Director

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