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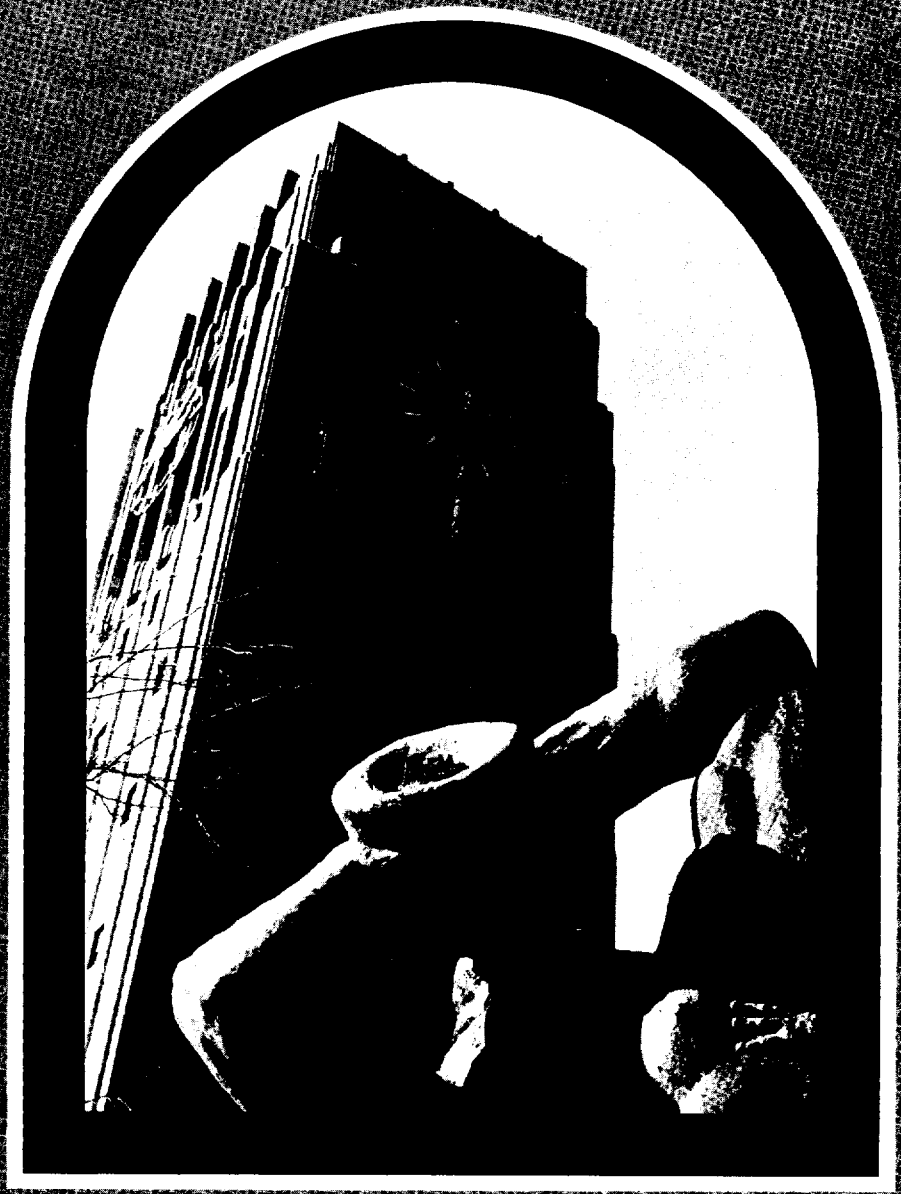

The University of Michigan
Sunday, December 18, 1977 2:00 p.m.
Hill Auditorium

HONORARY DEGREES

JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR.
Doctor of Laws

JOSEPH ANTHONY CALIFANO, JR., Secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare

Born in Brooklyn, trained at Holy Cross and Harvard, Mr. Califano has been a brilliant member of law firms in New York and Washington, D.C. He entered government service, and while still in his thirties rose from being one of Robert McNamara's "Whiz Kids" to Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Army, General Counsel to the Department of Defense, and Special Adviser on domestic affairs to President Lyndon B. Johnson. Fortunately for all of us, today he presides over one of the largest, most complex and important departments in our national government. Thus with experience he has turned from defending our nation against potential enemies without to eliminating those present enemies within: poverty, disease, and ignorance. As an author he has delved wisely and sympathetically into the student revolt of the last decade, the conflict between the First Amendment and our news media, and the Constitutional intentions of the Presidency. Along the way he has received many awards, among them "The Man of the Year" in 1966 from the Justinian Society of Lawyers.

The University of Michigan now tenders to this selfless American, Joseph Califano, the honorary degree Doctor of Laws, and salutes him in the words with which a great poet of his ancestral land, Dante, greeted the luminous shade of Justinian, father of Roman law: *"Anima degno . . . o bene nato . . . nel proprio lume" (Par. V)*—"Thou, lofty spirit, born in a happy hour, art enveloped in thine own light."

DONALD S. FREDRICKSON
Doctor of Science

DONALD SHARP FREDRICKSON, Medical Scientist, National Administrator, Humanitarian

Dr. Fredrickson honored The University of Michigan in 1946 by accepting our Bachelor of Science degree. Three years later he honored us again by accepting our degree, Doctor of Medicine. Subsequently he has risen to the Directorship of the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda, Maryland, serving, fortunately for America, under two successive political administrations.

In this age of specialization, Dr. Fredrickson has achieved distinction in such diverse fields as cardiology, molecular diseases, nutrition, metabolism, preventive medicine, and medical education. Our individual lives have been prolonged through his research on plasma lipoproteins, which has led to the identification and consequent prevention of several new diseases.

Throughout his leadership in the nation's capital during the controversy on federal-funding of recombinant DNA research, he kept his talented fingers on the pulse of scientific truth as well as of public morality, by insisting upon uncompromisingly high priorities for biomedical investigation and by assuring that this sensitive and daring probe into life-study not transgress boundaries of human concern.

Donald Sharp Fredrickson, therefore, today gives The University of Michigan its third opportunity to honor itself by honoring him, with the degree Doctor of Science.

Hooders:

JOHN E. MILHOLLAND, M.A., Ph.D.
Professor of Psychology

FRANK B. WOMER, Ph.D.
Professor of Education and Director, Michigan School Testing Service, Bureau of School Services