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Dear William and Mary Law Graduates and Friends:

As many of you may know, today I became the twenty-fifth president of the College of William and Mary. The Board of Visitors has done me a great honor, and I bear a keenly felt responsibility to lead our College with integrity, firm purpose and an abiding respect for its special history.

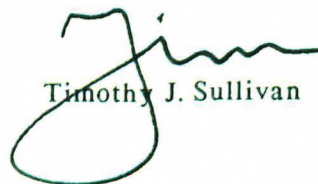
I leave my present position as Dean of our Law School with mixed emotions. I am proud of the progress that we have made together and I am grateful for your enduring friendships. At the same time, I feel a real sense of loss knowing that I will not be a direct participant in the future development of a community which, for twenty years, has defined my professional life.

Vice Dean and Chancellor Professor of Law, Richard A. Williamson, has agreed to serve as Acting Dean for the 1992-93 session. Dick has the experience, the judgment and the commitment to insure that the transition from one dean to another will not slow our continued progress. He has my complete confidence.

A Search Committee to identify outstanding candidates for the deanship will be formed shortly. The Search Committee will be broadly representative of the Law School community. I predict that the deanship of our Law School will be a much coveted honor. I am certain that we will find a new dean committed to building the special kind of place which all of us have sought to create.

My seven years as Dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law have been among the most satisfying of my life. For that I owe a debt of gratitude to you which is beyond my capacity to repay. Although I no longer am Dean, I will continue as the John Stewart Bryan Professor of Jurisprudence. Perhaps more to the point, I hope you know that I can never really leave our Law School.

Most cordially,



Timothy J. Sullivan