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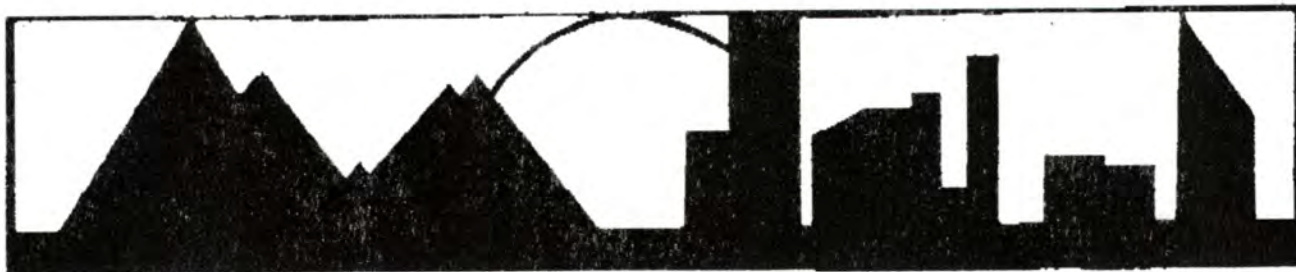
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March 11, 1993

Ms. Susan Strout
National Service Trust
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Dear Ms. Strout,

Dynamy has been running an urban internship/work/service program here in Worcester Massachusetts since 1969. We work with students from 14 to 22 years old. The ideas I have been reading and hearing about the National Service Initiative are very exciting and very consonant with the work we are doing here.

I would like to set up an appointment to speak with you to learn more about the National Trust Service and to offer our expertise in experiential education to further the goals of creating a national service experience that is available to American youth. I am also faxing a letter I sent to Mr. Segal in mid February explaining a little more about our programs.

I will be available on Monday (15th) afternoon and on Tuesday. Please call me so that we can schedule a mutually convenient time.

Sincerely,

David Rynick

David Rynick
Executive Director

February 12, 1993

Mr. Eli Segal
National Service Trust
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Segal,

I am very excited about the ideas I hear of the National Service Trust and would like to do what I can to help it become a reality. As a teacher, past headmaster of a progressive independent high school, and Executive Director of Worcester Dynamy, an urban internship/work/service program, I have seen the transformation in young people who know they have made a contribution to the world that too often appears to be something very separate from them. I also have the experience of working with young people in a structured non-academic service/work setting and have learned some of the potential difficulties of such a program.

There are several areas of expertise we have developed here at Dynamy that could be applied to a National Service program. Foremost is the skill we have gained in running an urban internship/work/service program since 1969. We work with 14 to 22 year olds in a primarily non-academic setting to help them reflect upon and learn through their involvement in community, work, and service. Our goal is to increase young people's connectedness to and competence within the adult world so that they can become responsible and aware individuals, participating in and appreciating the world around them.

Students have come to us from a wide variety of backgrounds and one of our objectives has been to involve them in the city around them on a number of different levels. Internships have always been the core of our program so we have extensive experience in setting up, monitoring, and trouble shooting internships. This has involved working with over 400 different sponsors in the past ten years from human service and education agencies, to governmental and business organizations.

We have also organized community service projects for our students in almost every area of the city. These projects not only allow our students to accomplish something productive, they give them a new awareness of and connection to people who come from backgrounds that may be different than their own. Through all these activities, we focus on developing leadership and cooperative group skills. Through weekly meetings, workshops, and discussions, we foster the growth of the personal and social skills that these young people will need to become leaders in their lives.

I am enclosing information on our two programs, the Dynamy Year Program and the John S. Laws Institute. The Year program is a one year residential program for 17 to 22 year olds. All of them are high school graduates and some have completed a year or more of college before they come to us. These students have 33 hour a week internships as well as seminars, workshops, outdoor challenges, and personal advising. Their experience at Dynamy teaches them the skills to actively shape their own lives and the quality of life in the community around them.

The John S. Laws Institute was begun in 1989 as a program to use our model to work with low income high school students. We work with public high school students to encourage them to stay in school and to motivate and prepare them for college. Through a unique collaboration with the Worcester Consortium of Higher Education, we are able to guarantee that all our graduates will get full tuition scholarships to any of the Consortium schools they are accepted to.

I am planning to be in Washington on March 16 and would welcome the opportunity to speak with you to learn of your ideas and to offer Dynamy's help in creating a successful National Service program.

Sincerely,

David Rynick
Executive Director

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