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Remarks: With the President's Summit approaching in two days, we would appreciate your consideration in the attached request.

Thank you kindly,

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April 24, 1997

William J. Clinton
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Clinton:

Let me take this opportunity to thank you for very much for inaugurating the first and most historic Presidents' Summit on America's Future in Philadelphia. I know I speak in behalf of millions of volunteers in America for this most valuable and awesome conclave in highlighting the importance of volunteering national service.

I have been honored to be a special guest of Colin Powell, one of thirty national leaders, to this three-day Summit. I was selected, in part, by the General Chairman, The Points of Light and Corporation of National Service, for my fifty-years (50), 1947-97, of volunteer service to the community, State of New Jersey and the nation. By co-incidence the date of April 20, 1997, marked my half-century of volunteerism.

Mr. President, I know of your strong commitment to volunteerism in national service, for it is the "blood-line" of what America is all about. I was rather dismayed over a letter published in The New York Times, April 22, 1997, in which she negatively reflected on volunteerism, by stating "General Powell is calling for more people to volunteer. That is a noble thought. But what President Clinton has in mind goes far beyond volunteering. He has called for high schools across the country to make community service mandatory for graduation- IN OTHER WORDS, HE WANTS TO FORCE YOUNG PEOPLE TO DO SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE, BY ITS VERY DEFINITION...VOLUNTARY."

My anger over this letter caused me to write a letter of rebuttal to the New York Times. Several rebuttal letters were published in defense of your program of national service but to date my letter is unpublished.

Personally, I am grateful that my college in 1946 "forced" me to volunteer in helping others; for that was the "seed" that started me on my 50 years of volunteerism. I am enclosing my rebuttal letter to the New York Times for your consideration in possibly reading it to the delegates at the Summit. Now, you have us all, public, private and non-profit sectors all marching together in the same direction and the same drummer. Thank you, Mr. President.

Sincerely,



Edward W. Bradley

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LISA ROBERTSON M.S., R.D.
DIRECTOR OF NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

April 21, 1997

Dear Carmen Fowler:

We have contacted your office several times, especially Catherine Kitchen, regarding letter from President Clinton on Mr. Bradley's fifty-years (50) of volunteer community service. (1947-1997)

Actually, the 20th of April, 1997, (yesterday) marked the 50th Anniversary of his half-century of service to the community, state and the nation.

Mr. Bradley has been invited by Colin Powell, General Chairman of the Presidents' Summit for America's Future, as a special VIP guest to the conclave in Philadelphia, April 27-29.

Mr. Bradley was selected for his long and distinguished record of humanitarian service to the nation.

It is, indeed, a remarkable co-incidence that his 50th Anniversary should fall at the same time of this historic event on volunteerism on America's Future.

During the three-day Summit, volunteer awards will be given to national recipients. This award presentation is normally scheduled by the Points of Light, sponsor, at The White House in May of each year; however, due to the coincidental factor, it now will be held during the Summit.

Quite possibly, the letter of commendation from President Clinton could be read at the Summit, on behalf of Mr. Bradley. Since other awards will be presented at this time, we feel it would be nice and appropriate to read this letter.

Mr. Powell knows of Mr. Bradley's record of national service and that this letter could be forwarded to his office or to the Points of Light, attention of Shawni Pothien or Richard Cook, Vice President.

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When Volunteerism Isn't Noble

THE NEW YORK TIMES, TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1997

By Lynn Steirer

Engraved in stone over the front entrance to my old high school is the statement, "No Man Is Free Who Is Not Master of Himself." No surprise for a school named Liberty.

But in 1991, the Bethlehem school board turned its back on the principle for which my school was named when it began requiring students to perform community service or other volunteer work. Students would have to show that they had done 60 hours of such service, or they would not receive their high school diploma.

That forced me to make a decision. Would I submit to the program even though I thought it was involuntary servitude, or would I stand against it on principle? I chose principle, and was denied a diploma.

Bethlehem is not alone in requiring students to do volunteer work to graduate. Other school districts around the country have adopted

Lynn Steirer is a student at Northampton Area Community College.

Don't force students to serve.

such policies, and in the state of Maryland, students must do volunteer work to graduate.

Volunteerism is a national preoccupation these days. Starting Sunday, retired Gen. Colin Powell, at President Clinton's request, will lead a three-day gathering in Philadelphia of political and business leaders and many others. General Powell is calling for more people to volunteer. That is a noble thought.

But what President Clinton has in mind goes far beyond volunteering. He has called for high schools across the country to make community service mandatory for graduation — in other words, he wants to force young people to do something that should be, by its very definition, voluntary.

That will destroy, not elevate, the American spirit of volunteerism. I saw firsthand how many of my classmates treated their required service as a joke, claiming credit for work they didn't do or exaggerating the

time it actually took.

Volunteering has always been important to me. As a Meals on Wheels aide and a Girl Scout, I chose to give hundreds of hours to my community, at my own initiative.

While my family and I fought the school's mandatory service requirement, I continued my volunteering, but I would not submit my hours for credit. Two of my classmates joined me in this act of civil disobedience. At the same time, with the assistance of the Institute for Justice, a Washington legal-policy group, we sued the school board.

As graduation neared, a school official pulled me aside and said it was not too late to change my mind. That day, I really thought about giving in. Then he asked the question that settled it for me. "After all," he said, "what is more important, your values or your diploma?"

I chose to give up my diploma, eventually obtaining a graduate equivalency degree instead. The courts decided against us and, unfortunately, the Supreme Court declined to hear our case. The school has continued the program.

Volunteering is important. But in a country that values its liberty, we should make sure that student "service" is truly voluntary. □



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EDWARD W. BRADLEY
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TO: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, New York Times

FROM: Edward W. Bradley, Chairman and CEO of the
New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation, State of New Jersey

SUBJECT: Response to Letter written by Lynn Steirer DATE: April 22, 1997
When Volunteerism Isn't Noble of April 22, 1997

While I can empathize with Voluntaryist Lynn Steirer's views on volunteerism. (April 22), she involuntarily fails to "paint the whole picture."

When I was 18 years of age, I volunteered to enlist in the United States Navy during World War II as compared to a forced volunteer as a draftee. I had no resentment over the government telling me that I had to go to war, but I gladly opted to show my patriotism by voluntarily enlisting.

With the G.I. Bill of Rights I went to college in 1946. It was during this time that I was a "forced volunteer" in meeting the required credits by donating my time in helping others in hospitals and community programs. It was my first taste of involuntary volunteerism which made me feel very proud and gratified. This so-called "forced volunteerism" was the "planted seed" that gradually blossomed into my long career of dedication and commitment to the glories of volunteer service in helping others. If it was not for that "forced volunteerism" in 1946, I probably would have never become involved with community service with the same intensity and extensiveness.

Literally, that "seed" of 1946 "grew on me" to a point in 1997 that I give thanks to my college for this unbelievable and indescribable gift... as yes Ms Steirer, I also got my diploma.

The neo-voluntaryists fail to see the "whole picture" and sometimes one has to be less dogmatic, less principled and see visions of the whole forest and not just the trees.

" It is not doing the thing we like to do, but liking the thing we have to do, that makes life blessed " Goethe once wrote.

Because of this blessed event in college of involuntary volunteerism, I am celebrating my half-century of volunteer service to humanity with this past April 20, 1997, marking my 50th Anniversary. For this honor, I have been invited as a special guest by Colin Powell, General Chairman of the Presidents' Summit in Philadelphia, April 27-29.

And yes, Lynn Steirer, "For it is in Giving that we Receive."

Edward W. Bradley
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To the Editor:

Re your front-page article about the possibility of North Dakota's flood miseries lasting for weeks (April 21): Visits to the flooded Upper Midwest region by both Vice President Gore and President Clinton confirm Washington's intent to come to the financial aid of flood-battered residents. I wonder if the anti-government constituency, some of whom are sure to be among the recipients of Federal aid, will pause next time before denouncing the evils of government.

TYLER FIRTH
St. Paul, April 21, 1997

Gates.

SOMNATH SAHA
Seattle, April 21, 1997

To the Editor:

In "Tiger's Best Shot" (column, April 18), Bob Herbert confuses symptoms and causes. While absentee fathers are a significant part of the problem in America's inner cities, the phenomenon is another example of the devastating effects of decades of poverty.

If jobs at living wages were available for these men, the next generation of inner-city families would be more intact.

MICAH BERUL
Brooklyn, April 19, 1997

Powell's Mean Words

To the Editor:

Testifying about the Central Intelligence Agency's failure to warn him about chemical weapons in the Persian Gulf war, Gen. Colin L. Powell said, "If I was still in office, I would be raping and pillaging ... to get to the bottom of this" (news article, April 18).

Would someone please invite the general to audit the class at the Citadel on the fallout of insensitive language? KAROL ANN BARNETT
Flagstaff, Ariz., April 18, 1997

Community Service Can Be as Enlightening as English Class

To the Editor:

In "When Volunteerism Isn't Noble" (Op-Ed, April 22), Lynn Steirer asserts that requiring community service for high school graduation both violates students' rights and vitiates the concept of volunteerism by turning it into "involuntary servitude." But how is requiring community service any less appropriate than mandating the study of geometry, literature or field hockey?

Schools require students to study and do things that will help them become educated, useful citizens. It can be argued that active community service is an even better way to accomplish this than the study of Shakespeare's plays. The fact that some students do not take their work seriously has no more effect on the "nobility" of volunteering than it does on the worth of Shakespeare's plays.

The observation that some students would not choose to do community service if it were not required argues for requiring it. Some of the students who might never have "volunteered" voluntarily will find it so rewarding that they will continue to perform some type of community service. As for those who don't, at least some recipients of their reluctant service benefit briefly, and maybe these students will even learn something.

LINDA JORDAN
New Hamburg, N.Y., April 22, 1997

One More Requirement

To the Editor:

In "When Volunteerism Isn't Noble" (Op-Ed, April 22), Lynn Steirer confuses a community service requirement for high school graduation with volunteerism. Education is compulsory in this country, and the curriculum is mandated by state, local or school authorities. Students do not create or approve their graduation requirements. It is consistent in our model of education to require community service.

There are multiple benefits to the requirement. Our communities bene-

fit from the intelligence and creative energies of young people. Students learn that they have substantive contributions to make to adult society. They learn about themselves, discover career interests and abilities, and return to school more motivated and focused on academic studies.

No one should be asked to choose between values and a diploma, as Ms. Steirer was. In fact, requiring community service is an effective way to instill values en route to graduation.

ERIC NADELSTERN
Long Island City, Queens, April 22, 1997
The writer is principal of the International High School.

When Families Fail

To the Editor:

Re "When Volunteerism Isn't Noble" (Op-Ed, April 22):

The giving of ourselves for the benefit of others gives us a greater understanding of how we are connected to the rest of humankind, and many other benefits. But this is a learned experience, and unfortunately our culture, with diminished families and attacks on youth from the media, gives children an opposite perspective.

Values are nurtured by role models and loving relations, but there are fewer families in which this is done. Schools must now shoulder this responsibility.

J. FARACI
Pound Ridge, N.Y., April 22, 1997



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April 15, 1997

Mr. Edward W. Bradley
Chairman & CEO
New Jersey Fitness & Sports Foundation State of NJ
225 Highland Drive
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Dear Mr. Edward W. Bradley:

I invite you to attend the Presidents' Summit for America's Future and to join the alliance we will forge across this country to improve the lives of children and youth. Your personal and institutional commitment to the five fundamental resources necessary for all young people will help to ensure that more of them lead healthy, fulfilling and productive lives.

In Philadelphia, many things will happen. You will be challenged to build upon the good things that you and the institution you represent are already doing. You will be encouraged to assist communities at the Summit and those not able to attend the Summit, directing institutional resources toward accomplishing the five fundamental resources for children and youth and inspiring them to new levels of commitment. You will learn about successful work already underway, including "best practice" communities and programs. You will work with your peers to discuss the role of national networks, institutions, labor and business in improving conditions for our nation's young people. And, together, we will celebrate commitments to the goals of the Summit.

Committing to this campaign for our nation's future will not be easy. But I am convinced that because you have stepped forward to answer this challenge, so will thousands of others, and we will be able to turn the tide for our children and youth by the turn of the century.

I look forward to seeing you in Philadelphia and working with you on this important endeavor. Please return the enclosed registration and housing material as soon as possible to let us know that you are able to accept this invitation and so that we can serve your housing needs.

Sincerely,

COLIN L. POWELL
General, U.S. Army (RET)

THE WHITE HOUSE



COLIN POWELL

EDWARD W. BRADLEY
Chairman and CEO of
The New Jersey Fitness and
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Colin Powell is the embodiment of the American dream. He was born in Harlem to immigrant parents from Jamaica. He knew the rough life of the streets. He overcame a barely average start at school. Then he joined the Army. The rest is history—out a history that until now has been known only on the surface. Here, for the first time, he himself tells us how it happened, in a memoir distinguished by a heartfelt love of country and family, warm good humor, and a soldier's directness. He writes of the anxieties and missteps as well as the triumphs that marked his rise to four-star general, National Security Advisor, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, mastermind of Desert Storm, and now the man the country would most like to draft as President just as it drafted General Eisenhower before him in 1952.

We see Powell growing up, getting into mischief, going to church with his father, working in a bottling plant, joining the ROTC. We follow him as a green young lieutenant on his first foreign posting in Germany, where his ascent is nearly aborted by a blunder on the day he is assigned to guard an atomic cannon. We go on patrol with him into the jungles of Vietnam, where he is wounded, and then, in the first surprise turn of his career, into the every-bit-as-dangerous thickets of Washington bureaucracy as a Pentagon aide in the Carter administration. We see how he handled the humiliations inflicted on him as a black soldier traveling in the Deep South and the unnerving challenges he faced as a battalion commander in Korea, where the army guarding the border with North Korea was plagued by drugs, drinking, a lack of discipline, and racial tension. We are edge-of-the-seat spectators to some of the great international dramas of our time—Desert Storm, the invasion of Panama, the dark dealings of Iran-contra with Ollie North and Bill Casey, the climactic meetings with Gorbachev. And we are present also at the encounters with President Clinton on the controversial question of gays in the military.

Colin Powell, moving easily between the Army and high positions in both Republican and Democratic administrations, has a unique perspective. As an active soldier, he has experienced the sharp end of political decisions in Washington. As an advisor to three Presidents, he has seen how policy is shaped and he has shaped it himself. It was Powell whom President Reagan summoned to the White House

To
ED BRADLEY,
Best of luck
on the 'STAY LAY'
PROGRAM,
A.C.V.

'STAY AWAY'

Fitness program is recruiting athletes

By TOM CAMPISI

Ed Bradley of Milltown, chairman of the New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation, is trying to enlist noted athletes, the Army and even President Clinton to support his "Stay Way" program.

Bradley recently told Flo-Jo about the program he designed to encourage children in grades 6-12 to stay in school, stay off drugs and stay fit. Flo-Jo is track star Florence Griffith-Joyner, a co-chair of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

He also met July 14 in Washington with Tom McMillen, the other co-chair who is a former National Basketball Association (NBA) star and Maryland congressman. Six days earlier, in a meeting at the Pentagon, Bradley had discussed the program with Lt. Gen. Charles Dominy, director of U.S. Army Staff, and Brig. Gen. Tom Jones, director of Human Resources Directorate, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Bradley is looking to bring together the Army, the National Football League (NFL), the New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation and the President's council in a massive national participation in Stay Way. But before the program can go national, it will be tested in Newark and New Brunswick in the fall of 1994.

Under the program, athletes will visit schools and talk to students about staying in shape, in school and off drugs. There also will be a push to get all the students involved with physical fitness.

"Stay Way will not center on the star athlete in the schools but everyone, boys and girls," Bradley said.

Bradley's program also is supported by Bill Bradley, New Jersey's Democratic U.S. senator and a former NBA star. They are not related.

"Bill has forwarded the Stay Way program to President Clinton," Ed Bradley said. "It would fit in with the President's plan for community service to pay off student loans."

Another believer in the Stay Way program is Bill Fralic, lineman for the Detroit Lions' football team. Fralic was supposed to accompany Ed Bradley to the Pentagon meeting last month but had to cancel because he had to report early to training camp to learn a new offensive line position.

Bradley said he is hoping that Fralic will be able to clear a path for Stay Way among NFL players like he does for running backs during Lions' games.

Griffith-Joyner, who won three gold medals and one silver in the 1988 Olympics, could be the program's big-



Ed Bradley of Milltown, chairman of the New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation, with track star Florence Griffith-Joyner, a co-chair of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports

gest role model, Bradley said. She grew up with 10 siblings in a housing project in the Watts section of Los Angeles and has made it all the way to the federal role in promoting fitness.

Griffith-Joyner and McMillen were appointed by Clinton to the position formerly held by Arnold Schwarzenegger. Bradley had worked with Schwarzenegger on various fitness projects over the last four years.

Bradley said he and Griffith-Joyner discussed the high dropout rate in urban high schools nationwide. "I had a meeting with New York education officials, and they said that in some parts of the city the dropout rate is 70 percent," he said. "The national average is about 13 percent. In Newark, it's about 45 percent."

"Flo-Jo's response to me was that physical education is the answer and that the Stay Way project must target the physical education teachers."

Bradley will be reunited with Griffith-Joyner and McMillen on Sept. 10-12 in Scottsdale, Ariz., at the Healthy American Fitness Leaders Awards program, a three-day summit for fitness.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 15, 1994

Ms. Lisa Robertson
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Dear Lisa:

Thank you for your letter and for the pictures and articles about Ed Bradley. I am impressed by your commitment to the physical fitness of the young people in your state.

National Service is one of the best ways to bring about needed changes in America. I believe that national service will remain throughout America, not as a series of promises, but as a series of challenges across all generations and all walks of life to help rebuild our wonderful land. I hope that some day the success of this program will make it possible for every young person to serve America and to earn credit toward a college education. If we are able to draw upon our greatest resource, our young people, then there will be limitless opportunities for our nation.

I wish you the best of luck with your Stay Way program, and I appreciate your support as we work to build a stronger future for our country.

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

NEW JERSEY FITNESS AND SPORTS FOUNDATION
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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EDWARD W. BRADLEY



LISA ROBERTSON M.S., R.D.
DIRECTOR OF NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

Commencing in 1947, Edward W. Bradley gradually initiated his long and distinguished career in volunteerism with a strong and personal commitment to "SERVICE TO HUMANITY IS THE BEST WORK OF LIFE." For close to fifty years (50), Mr. Bradley has dedicated his life to "helping others in need" and disadvantaged/handicap/disabled persons, particularly the youth.

The nominee has held office in many non-salaried executive positions in New Jersey and the nation, not only in the humanitarian efforts of "helping the needy" population, but to facilitate and enhance worthwhile programs of health, physical fitness and sports to the youth, the family and the senior citizen sector.

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- 1947-54 Vice Commander of the American Legion in promoting "community spirit" and youth activities.
- 1961-64 Founder of the Milltown Jaycees and Vice President
- 1982-84 Chairman and CEO of the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports of the State of New Jersey; appointed by Governor Thomas H. Kean.

Formed the first "BLUE RIBBON PANEL" comprised of New Jersey's most distinguished corporate leaders, headed by David A. "Sonny" Werblin. This was envisioned and formulated personally by Mr. Bradley and received the approval of Governor Kean. The goal was to assist, both in a financial and managerial capacity.

Formulate fitness and sport programs for youth, family and senior citizens, and, further the goals of the GARDEN STATE GAMES.

- 1986- Chairman and CEO of the New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation, founded by Mr. Bradley to serve as a "surrogate agency" to fill the void by the dissolution of the Governors's Council.

Works closely with the Governor's Office in providing assistance in community projects involving fitness, sports and community.

Mr. Bradley represented the Governor's Office (Kean) by being the NJ State Chairman of the 1984 Olympic Torch Relay Committee which raised over \$350,000. for youth activities.

Was Chairman of the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay, Middlesex County and responsible for volunteer assistance in three counties.

Founded STAY WAY national project to alleviate the drop-out rate in schools by the creed of " STAY IN SCHOOL. STAY OFF DRUGS and

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Fitness/sports council chief plugging program plans tomorrow at Pentagon

Edward W. Bradley of Milltown, chairman of the Middlesex County Council on Fitness and Sports, will meet with Army officers at the Pentagon tomorrow to discuss plans for making the Stay Way fitness/sports program a nationwide project in 1995.

Bradley said he hopes that with the cooperation of Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick Tomorrow and Rutgers University, Stay Way will be kicked off in New Brunswick schools in the fall of 1994.

"This is a new approach to send a message to the school population to stay in school, get that diploma and don't leave school without it," said Bradley.

He said a coalition has been formed with the Army, National Football League and the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

The ultimate goal is to send teams of Army officers and sports celebrities to schools to talk to students in grades 6-12 at assemblies and other gatherings, he said.

Their message will be to "stay in school, stay off drugs and stay fit," said Bradley, whose Middlesex council will administer at least the initial stages of the program together with the N.J. Fitness and Sports Foundation, which Bradley also heads. Nationwide, he

said, "the Army will be doing the bulk of the program."

Accompanying Bradley to tomorrow's meeting will be Bill Fralic, an All-Pro guard formerly with the Atlanta Falcons and now with the Detroit Lions; Irv Cross, of CBS Sports, and Pat Croce of Bryn Mawr, owner of fitness and sports facilities nationwide.

The group will meet with Gen. Charles E. Dominy, director of the Army staff; Gen. Tom Jones, deputy chief of staff for personnel, and representatives from the office of Gen. Jack Wheeler, commandant at Fort Knox.

Aim: Lop dropout rate by 13%

Bradley said he met with Wheeler last week to discuss Stay Way strategies to reduce the national school dropout rate by 13 percent by means of fitness and sports.

Bradley said Master Sgt. James M. Ellis of El Paso, Texas, joined with him in "envisioning" Stay Way.

Helping Bradley set up the Pentagon meeting were Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, Sen. Bill Bradley, D-N.J., and John Marsh of Arlington, Va., former secretary of the Army under President George Bush.

Superintendent of Schools

This bicycle safety school program is the first attempt in New Jersey to incorporate this program in the school curriculum.

Reach-out to residents of Middlesex County on the need to exercise, have good nutritional habits and practice life-long and well-being lifestyle habits.

Lastly, what Mr. Bradley feels very proud of the most is his "NO-SHOWS FOR CHARITY SHOWS" project.

It started on November 10, 1996 at the New England Patriots-New York Jets football game at Giants Stadium when there were 55,000 NO-SHOWS (empty seats). Mr. Bradley envisioned that these "empty seats" could be converted to "occupied seats" by having the season ticket-holders donate their tickets to the New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation and the Middlesex County Council, which are both chaired by Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley appeared on TV programs, radio and newspaper appeal and was able to over 12,000 tickets donated. These tickets were given to state-wide charitable organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Catholic Charities, Association for Retarded Children, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, etc.

As a result over 12,000 children saw games in Giants Stadium and it was a real Thanksgiving and Christmas gift.

The motto was "Fill the seats with JOY and not the waste basket with SADNESS."

Since 1986 when the Foundation was formed by Mr. Bradley, the Foundation has given over 20,000 tickets to "NEEDY KIDS" groups. Such prestigious events include: VIP tickets to be with the Pope at Papal Mass in Giants Stadium in 1995, World Cup Soccer, NCAA Basketball Finals in Seattle and the Meadowlands and many other sporting and non-sporting events.

Mr. Bradley's strong commitment to helping the needy is demonstrated by his dedication in humanitarian service for close to 50 years--- FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE---Mr. Bradley's prayer.

For this life-long commitment of 50 years he was selected by the official biographer, Marguis, in WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD AND WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA.

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Facsimile: (540) 678-8849**TELECOPY PAGE**DATE: April 15, 1997 TIME: _____TO: Lisa RobertsonOFFICE NUMBER 908-828-1692 TELECOPY NUMBER 908-745-5694FROM: John O. Marsh, Jr.PHONE NUMBER: 540-678-1220 FAX: 540-678-8849NUMBER OF PAGES (INCLUDING COVER PAGE): 1MESSAGE: RE: Ed Bradley's nomination to the forthcoming
Presidential Summit, please be aware that on March 31, 1997, I
sent a recommendation on Mr. Bradley's behalf to Colin Powell.

SHOULD ANY PAGES BE MISSING, PLEASE CALL (540) 678-1220

John O. Marsh, Jr.

Now a practicing lawyer with a prestigious firm in Virginia. Former Congressman, and highly respected Secretary of the Army (who gave up that post in 1989). In 1981, established the Army's over-40 fitness program, and in 1982, chose "fitness" as the Army theme to emphasize the need for soldiers to endure the rigors of combat. He established a fitness school for soldiers, which is a research and educational component of the Army War College, and tough new standards for all Army uniformed men and women.

Edward W. Bradley, Half-century of volunteerism and service to humanity

Page two:

Organized and spear-headed programs of women's self-defense; Family Day; Annual NEW JERSEY FITNESS LEADERS AWARD, a recognition program for volunteer services; Bicycle Safety Education programs in the NJ schools.

Chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, State and County Division, founded by Arnold Schwarzenegger, Chairman, Washington, D.C., Middlesex County Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

In concert with the New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation, founded the first Bicycle Safety Education program with the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools of Middlesex County.

This bicycle safety school program is the first attempt in the State of New Jersey to incorporate this program in the school curriculum.

Reach-out to residents of Middlesex County on the need to exercise, have good nutritional habits and practice life-long and well-being lifestyle habits.

Lastly, what Mr. Bradley feels very proud of the most is his "NO-SHOWS FOR CHARITY SHOWS" project.

It started on November 10, 1996 at the New England Patriots-New York Jets football game at Giants Stadium when there were 55,000 NO-SHOWS (empty seats). Mr. Bradley envisioned that these "empty seats" could be converted to "occupied seats" by having the season ticket-holders donate their tickets to the New Jersey Fitness and Sports Foundation and the Middlesex County Council, which are both chaired by Mr. Bradley. Mr. Bradley appeared on TV programs, radio and newspaper appeal and was able to over 12,000 tickets donated. These tickets were given to state-wide charitable organizations such as Boys and Girls Clubs, Catholic Charities, Association for Retarded Children, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, etc.

As a result over 12,000 children saw games in Giants Stadium and it was a real Thanksgiving and Christmas gift.

The motto was "Fill the seats with JOY and not the waste basket with SADNESS."

Since 1986 when the Foundation was formed by Mr. Bradley, the Foundation has given over 20,000 tickets to "NEEDY KIDS" groups. Such prestigious events include: VIP tickets to be with the Pope at Papal Mass in Giants Stadium in 1995, World Cup Soccer, NCAA Basketball Finals in Seattle and the Meadowlands and many other sporting and non-sporting events.

Mr. Bradley's strong commitment to helping the needy is demonstrated by his dedication in humanitarian service for close to 50 years--- FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE---Mr. Bradley's prayer.

For this life-long commitment of 50 years he was selected by the official biographer, Marguls, in WHO'S WHO IN THE WORLD AND WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date

4/25

To:

Chas Walker

From:

The Staff Secretary

This was delivered to Busby's office
for the PONS. Rahm has a copy
as well.

You might check in with Rahm's
office before drafting your reply.

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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504

April 25, 1997

Secretary Robert Rubin
United States Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

Dear Secretary Rubin:

Since I was elected to the United States Senate, I have voiced my concerns several times to you and others in the Administration about US Customs' drug interdiction efforts, particularly at land Ports of Entry along the Southwest border. In my view, the situation has not improved, but, in fact, continues to deteriorate. I am writing again to ask that you make it your personal priority to look into this matter.

As it happens, the retirement of Mr. Weise presents an opportunity for this Administration to demonstrate its commitment to reinforcing our front line in the war on drugs by appointing a new Commissioner of Customs who has a strong, hands-on background in law enforcement. The flood of narcotics flowing across our borders is one of our gravest national security threats, and, I believe, a clear, focused, and enforcement-based mission on the part of the US Customs Service is vital to meet that threat.

Mr. Secretary, it is an undisputed fact that drugs are entering the US in unprecedented amounts, and that, despite all our efforts at interdiction, our law enforcement agencies only seize a fraction of what ultimately winds up on American streets. I believe the US Customs Service's ability to prevent drugs from entering the country is degenerating, and that this is due to overtaxed resources, a conflict of mission, and a management system that fails to adequately address serious problems within the agency. I will be calling for Congressional investigations into this matter by both the Senate Finance and Judiciary Committees in letters to the Chairs of each this week.

I am enclosing a videotape of last Sunday's CBS "60 Minutes" program. The program investigated allegations that tanker trucks owned by suspected Mexican drug smugglers are coming across our border without inspection. The videotape includes footage of tanker trucks owned by a company called California Gas Transport coming across the border at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry without inspection. Customs' own intelligence reports indicate that California Gas Transport is connected to members of the Mexican-based Zaragosa-Fuentes family who are suspected of heavy

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involvement in narcotics smuggling, money laundering and other charges. The surveillance was conducted by CBS as recently as June of 1996 and April of 1997 -- just two weeks ago. Eyewitnesses say none of the trucks in question was inspected.

Customs inspectors at Otay Mesa and El Paso have indicated to 60 Minutes and other news reporters that California Gas Transport was even approved to participate in the Carrier Initiative Program, formerly known as Line Release, as recently as December of last year. If this is in fact true, it would cast serious doubt on the security provisions of the Carrier Initiative Program.

As you know, I have been critical of what I believe to be an increased emphasis on trade facilitation at the expense of drug interdiction efforts within the Customs Service. I have been repeatedly assured by Commissioner Weise that the small percentage of trucks being inspected relative to the massive increase in cross-border commercial traffic under NAFTA is no hindrance to drug interdiction. The reason I was given is that the intelligence that allows Customs to target which trucks to inspect is reliable and more effective than randomly searching more trucks and holding up traffic. It is difficult to look at the evidence presented in the CBS investigation and be convinced that this is the case.

The 60 Minutes program also suggests rather strongly that at least part of the reason for the ease with which the tankers in question were able to drive through uninspected is due to complicity on the part of some Customs officials. These are very serious allegations, and I believe a full investigation by your department is in order. While I have no reason to believe corruption is rampant or systemic within the Customs Service as a whole, disturbing questions have been raised for me by this investigation:

- Reports of suspected drug smuggling enterprises being allowed to drive commercial vehicles across the border apparently without thorough inspection;
- Reports of line inspectors being overruled or discouraged from searching suspected trucks by supervisors;
- Intelligence reports being ignored or deleted on suspected drug smugglers;
- Actions by Customs officials giving preferential treatment to companies with ties to drug trafficking;

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- Customs inspectors who complain about corruption or unlawful practices being harassed, demoted, discredited, and dismissed;
- Lack of a truly independent investigative unit to monitor and investigate allegations of wrongdoing within Customs.

Whether the issue is corruption, mismanagement, structural problems, or all of the above, these questions should be answered. Based on my understanding of department practice, I do not believe the current Internal Affairs structure within Customs lends itself to adequately identify or root out corruption or mismanagement where it does exist. For example, I understand that the Customs Internal Affairs unit does not provide for a separate career path as other law enforcement agencies do. Such a distinction would provide a greater degree of disengagement between Customs inspectors and those responsible for investigating wrongdoing. If this is true, I would like to know if you believe this to be the most effective way for the Internal Affairs unit to be structured.

I would like to bring to your attention some of the specific issues and questions raised in the CBS investigation and ask that you provide me with answers as soon as possible:

My office received copies of numerous documents referred to in the CBS investigation. I forwarded copies of them to Undersecretary Ray Kelly last week. Among the documents is a 35 page report on a company called California Gas Transport developed following the company's most recent application for participation in the Carrier Initiative Program. The report, based on intelligence from the Treasury Enforcement Computer System, the Southwest Area Intelligence Unit, the Internal Revenue Service, and the US Border Patrol, contains information about this company and its owners that I find very alarming. I have included a copy of this report for your review.

The research traced the company's ownership to the Mexican-based Zaragosa-Fuentes family, and identified California Gas Transport as part of an expansive web of horizontally and vertically linked companies all leading back to the Zaragosa-Fuentes family. "Behind these related companies," according to the report, "appears to lay a second empire. This empire is built on narcotics smuggling, money laundering, income tax evasion, export violations and weapons smuggling." (Page 34 of Intelligence Report)

The report, developed by a Customs Inspector from the Arizona Intelligence Collection and Analysis Team, is dated April 15, 1996. Two months later, CBS correspondent Mike Wallace filmed -- in a matter of 30 minutes -- two California Gas Transport tankers driving through the Otay Mesa Port of Entry without being inspected.

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Two weeks ago, before airing the program last Sunday, CBS sent another film crew to Otay Mesa and, in a short period of time, filmed two more California Gas Transport tankers driving across the border, also uninspected by Customs officials.

How is it possible that a company, for which substantial intelligence information exists about its possible connection to narcotics smuggling, was permitted to cross the border without a thorough inspection?

A memo, which I have attached, from District Director Rudy Camacho, dated June 18, 1996, directed Customs Inspectors that "California Gas Transport vehicles be processed through our Commercial Facilities as quickly as possible." The memo goes on to state that, "Based upon our previous record with this company, they are considered to be a minimum threat..."

According to the intelligence report, Hidrogas de Juarez, from which a 4 ton seizure of cocaine was made at Otay Mesa in 1990, and California Gas Transport are both owned or largely controlled by the Zaragosa-Fuentes family.

Based on the information in Customs' own intelligence report just two months earlier, how is it possible that California Gas Transport could possibly be considered a "minimum threat"?

Page 5 of the report indicates that approximately ten California Gas Transport tanker trailers entered the country daily through the Nogales Customs cargo facility alone, and cross the border routinely through other Southern land border Ports of Entry, including Otay Mesa, Calexico, El Paso, Laredo, San Ysidro and Brownsville. In addition, records indicate California Gas Transport tankers also have crossing histories at other Ports of Entry in Vermont, Maine, New York, Texas, and Arizona.

Can your office provide any evidence that these tankers were thoroughly inspected before being allowed to enter the United States?

How many times have California Gas Transport tanker trucks crossed the border since the April 1996 report was written, and what evidence to you have that these tankers were thoroughly inspected at the time of crossing?

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Page 8 of the report indicates that the Multidiscipline Intelligence Team in El Paso noted that on at least two occasions in early 1996, a Customs K-9 had given a strong alert to the valve systems of California Gas Transport tankers.

Please provide me with the documentation indicating at which Ports of Entry the tankers crossed, the scope and results of searches conducted on these tankers, and the names of the canine officers involved.

Customs inspectors in El Paso told 60 Minutes investigators that the El Paso Port of Entry has no facility to inspect hazardous material vehicles and therefore could not thoroughly inspect any liquid petroleum tanker such as that owned by California Gas Transport.

Is that information correct and, if so, how could any hazardous material tanker, especially one owned by California Gas Transport, be permitted to enter the United States through the El Paso Port of Entry as indicated in the intelligence report?

What facilities exist at other Ports of Entry to inspect hazardous materials vehicles?

Corruption Allegations

The allegations of complicity in drug trafficking on the part of Customs officials is very serious, and very disturbing. As I said, I have no reason to believe corruption is rampant throughout the entire US Customs Service, but it would be naive on anyone's part to think that the Mexican drug cartels' multi-billion dollar network does not reach across the border posing a major internal threat to the integrity of our law enforcement efforts.

The Federal Border Corruption Task Force, led by US Attorney Alan Bersin, has successfully prosecuted 15 cases in the last 3 years: 7 involved INS, Customs and Consular officials convicted on non-narcotics charges; 6 involved INS agents convicted on narcotics charges or money laundering; and 2 involved Customs agents convicted on narcotics smuggling charges. I am not convinced that allegations of corruption -- or mismanagement, particularly within Customs, are being investigated aggressively enough. I am also concerned that Customs personnel who come forward with information about corruption are often then subjected to harassment, and are ultimately discredited by Customs officials. My office has been contacted by a number of Customs inspectors over the last few years who have said many inspectors refuse to come forward because they "know what happens to whistle blowers."

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The case of San Diego Supervisor Art Gilbert cited in the 60 Minutes segment is among the most celebrated cases. No one seems to deny the fact that, on October 3, 1990, Supervisor Gilbert tried everything in his power to prevent a Hidrogas tanker carrying 4 tons of cocaine from being searched after a canine officer's dog alerted on the tanker. No one seems to deny the fact that Gilbert allowed the tanker's driver to walk back to Mexico without being prosecuted. And no one seems to believe Gilbert's explanation for why 207 phone calls were made in one three week period from his personal phone to a known Mexican criminal involved in narcotics.

60 Minutes investigators also spoke with another canine officer whose dog alerted on a Hidrogas tanker the day before the October, 1990 incident and who was instructed by his supervisor, Art Gilbert, to release the tanker without a search. The officer reportedly complied but would not come forward for fear of losing his job.

Despite this egregious behavior, this Customs supervisor was apparently *promoted* several times over the last 7 years, while the canine officer who complained about his supervisor's behavior was systematically harassed, denied promotions, and forced to seek numerous transfers from hostile work environments as a result of his complaints against Supervisor Gilbert. I had to personally intervene in his case to help Officer Weitzman's wife, who is also a Customs Inspector, to obtain a transfer a year and a half ago.

Why would a supervisor under any circumstance whatsoever impede or even question a Customs Inspector's decision to search a vehicle?

Mr. Secretary, I have come to believe that the mission of the US Customs Service to police our borders and interdict contraband should not be confused with the need to facilitate trade. I am not opposed to facilitating trade, on the contrary, I believe trade is among the most important elements of the nation's, as well as California's, economy. But I do not believe this government serves the people of America well by sacrificing drug interdiction in the name of increased trade, and I do not believe an agency with more than one mission can do either effectively.

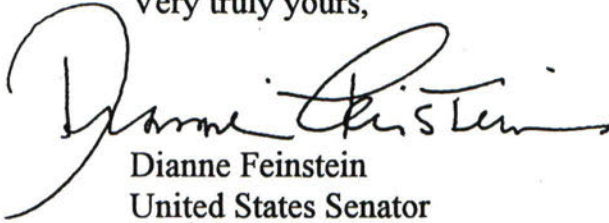
I believe the US Customs Service is a law enforcement agency. Therefore, I will be proposing legislation that would unify the US Customs Service with other Ports of Entry (POE) enforcement agencies under the jurisdiction of the Justice Department. I believe that unifying the law enforcement functions of Customs with other POE agencies will provide a more effective use of federal resources and restore law enforcement as Customs' primary mission.

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This is not a new idea. As a matter of fact, several studies conducted over the last 25 years have all come to virtually the same conclusion: that the conflict of missions within the Customs Department hinders the agency's effectiveness. My proposal differs by recommending that the enforcement mission be housed under Justice instead of Treasury.

I want to discuss this proposal with you and the issues raised in this letter and therefore have requested a meeting at your earliest convenience. In addition to our meeting, I would like a detailed response to the issues raised and specific questions outlined in this letter as soon as possible. I hope you will give these important issues your personal, immediate attention.

Very truly yours,



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

cc: President William J. Clinton
Janet Reno, Attorney General
Erskine Bowles, Chief of Staff to the President
Ray Kelly, Undersecretary of Treasury for Enforcement

Enclosures

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE



FILE: ENF-3-SD: RF

TO: Commercial Operations

DATE: JUNE 18, 1996

FROM: District Director, San Diego

SUBJECT: Tanker Facilitation

Although tanker movement was to be predicated on a set schedule just prior to and just after peak commercial hours California Gas Transport has again increased its movement across our Commercial Facilities. While taxing our commitment at the Railroad Entry Point we will be heavily encumbered at the Otay Mesa Commercial Facility.

Although we would like to utilize canine and x-ray to the utmost without encumbering our resources and burdening staff it is encouraged that the California Gas Transport vehicles be processed through our Commercial Facilities as quickly as possible.

Based upon our previous record with this company they are to be considered a minimum threat, however any significant discrepancy shall be left to the individual inspector

Rudy M. Camacho

cc: ADD/I&C
PD Otay Mesa

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20500

DATE: 4-25

TO: *B. L. Chaplin*
Jim Saunders

FROM: Staff Secretary

*What do you
think.*

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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

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April 22, 1997

ACTION

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MEMORANDUM FOR TODD D. STERN

FROM: DONALD L. KERRICK (P)
SUBJECT: Presidential Certificate of Commendation -- Wilma G. Hall

Wilma G. Hall, APNSA Special Assistant for many years is leaving the National Security Council staff. Wilma has been a dedicated administrative assistant for 26 years, serving ten National Security Advisors and five Presidents.

We request that the Presidential Certificate of Commendation be awarded by the President in recognition for her outstanding career and dedicated service.

RECOMMENDATION

That you approve the language at Tab I for the citation on the Certificate of Commendation for the President's signature.

Approve _____ Disapprove _____

Attachment

Tab A Proposed Citation for Certificate of Commendation

cc: Executive Clerk

A

Proposed Citation for
Certificate of Commendation for
Wilma Hall

In recognition of Wilma Hall's 26 years of service to the National Security Council staff, the President and the country. Mrs. Hall displayed exceptional judgment, initiative and professionalism in providing support and counsel to ten National Security Advisors and five Presidents. Her insistence on perfection and loyalty stand as a model for public servants everywhere. Through dedication and personal sacrifice, Wilma Hall significantly contributed to the enhancement of the national security of the United States.

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WASHINGTON

April 16, 1997

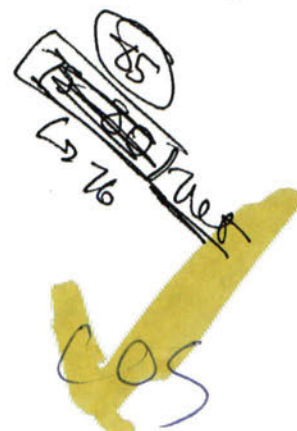
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Senate Majority Leader Lott
Senator Coverdell
Senator Hatch
Senator Cochran
Senator Santorum
Senator Mack
Senator Kempthorne
Senator Bailey Hutchinson
Senator Grassley
Senator Craig

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DATE:

Wednesday, April 16, 1997

RECOMMENDED BY:

Samuel R. Berger
John Hilley *John Hilley*

PURPOSE:

To convince Senators to support the
CWC Treaty over the next week and
one half.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

Votes on Chemical Weapons Convention
(CWC).

CONTACT PERSON AND
TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

William C. Danvers, x69171

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

Attachments

- Tab A Talking Points
Tab B List of Calls and Background Information
Tab C Additional Talking Points on Chem DeMil Issue for
Senator Hatch
Tab D Additional Points on the Kyl bill

2:30 pm
Calls to Members
of Congress re
Chemical Weapons
Convention

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MEMBER	POSITION	COMMENTS
Trent Lott	Undecided	Is key to passing Treaty. Wants to wrap Russians into Treaty because of the number of chemical weapons in the country. Wants to support.
Paul Coverdell	Leaning No	Will follow Lott. Concerned about rogue state verification. Voted no on SFRC, but could be converted. Heavy pressure has been applied by BENS Atlanta.
Orrin Hatch	Undecided	Favorable hints from staff. Silent yes. Concerned with chemical demil. incineration and constitutional issues.
Thad Cochran	No <i>unclear</i> <i>Reynolds Lugar a lot</i>	Staff strongly opposes, but he is very close to Lugar. Getting his support or at least his silent opposition will have an important impact on Senator Lott.
Rick Santorum <i>W. Santorum</i>	Undecided	Signed DoD Authorization report. He is concerned about verifiability and the cost to small business' as well as the constitutionality issue.
Connie Mack	Undecided to Leaning No <i>ball</i>	Sponsored S. 495. Sandy Berger has already spoken to him. As a member of the leadership and close to Lott, his is an important vote.
Dirk Kemthorne	Leaning No	Although he is leaning no, his is an important vote among conservatives. Has problems with search and seizure, procedures as well as chem demil issues in his state.
Charles Grassley	Leaning Yes	A proponent in the past.

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Tim Hutchinson	Undecided	Non-committal. Interested in business impact and chemical demil.
Larry Craig	Undecided	Told Symms he would vote yes if needed.
John Warner	Undecided	Wants to support Treaty, but will wait on Lott's decision

*Scheduling a final
meeting*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1997

The Honorable Jim Dailey
Mayor of Little Rock
City Hall
500 West Markham Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1427

Dear Jim:

I deeply appreciate knowing about the city of Little Rock's efforts to address the sensitive and persistent issue of racism in our society.

There are, of course, real differences in the life experiences and backgrounds of the people who make up America, but there is also a rich fabric of shared experience -- of common problems, common hopes and fears, common ground. It is of great importance for the future of Little Rock -- and our nation -- that we expand that common ground, focusing more on what unites us than on what divides us. We still have much to do to break down racial, gender, and ethnic barriers, and in pursuing this path we must engage in a public dialogue that is respectful, tolerant, and open. It sounds as if the Racial and Cultural Diversity Commission will go a long way in elevating that dialogue, and I will keep your thoughtful suggestion in mind.

I am grateful for your active involvement, and the involvement of so many others who care about the future of our nation. Please continue to keep me informed of the progress you're making.

Sincerely,

Barack



City of Little Rock

Jim Dailey
Mayor

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4-15-97
Staff Sec

February 14, 1997

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The Honorable William Jefferson Clinton
President of the United States of America
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, DC 20500-2000

Dear President Clinton:

As you are well aware, the City of Little Rock has struggled with the issue of racism for a long time. In your Inaugural Speech and your State of the Union address, you acknowledged our need to be more diligent in our efforts to dismantle racism and see the diversity of our nation as an asset. We, as a city, are moving out of denial into a concerted effort to begin the process of dismantling racism and valuing our diversity. That process, however, does not happen without tremendous effort.

We are fortunate that our city established a Racial & Cultural Diversity Commission a little over two years ago to guide the city in these efforts. One of the programs that the Commission offers is the Healing Racism Institute. In talking with the Executive Director, Cathy Collins, she had very high praises for the content of the Institute. She explained that the intensive twelve week session gets beyond surface issues and into systematic concerns that keep racism in place. Some topics discussed are the cycle of racial conditioning, white privilege and internalized oppression. It also provides people with a common language with which to discuss the issues of racism, discrimination and stereotyping. Most importantly though, it demands that people look at their individual and collective responsibility in being a part of racism's undoing.

The Commission has expanded on many of the teaching techniques implemented to convey the content to include more interactive modes of learning, an expansion of the Art of Listening to the Art of Dialogue - where people are held accountable for understanding the different perspective that is being shared rather than just hearing it. They have also added a skill focusing on the Art of Reflection which supports individual responsibility and accountability to dismantling racism.

During the Institute's tenure in Little Rock, people from throughout the community have been trained including people from area businesses, the police department, public schools, neighborhood associations and health care systems. The Commission is in the process of expanding the program into City Hall and the private sector.

From my discussions with Ms. Collins, it is clear that this is an excellent avenue for people who are usually kept separated from each other to come together to gain perspective and understanding as well as a sense of responsibility as to what racism is, and what they can do about it. I know it has been an important first step for our community. I hope you will explore further its use in other communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Dailey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jim" and last name "Dailey" clearly distinguishable.

Jim Dailey
Mayor

jd/cc

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Via Telecopy and U.S. Mail

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Re: Institute for the Healing of Racism

Dear Mr. Woodrick:

You have asked for my thoughts on the Institute for the Healing of Racism which D&W Food Centers has promoted for several years here in Grand Rapids. My interest was first peaked when you introduced Cornell West at the Calvin College Interim Series some years ago. Last year I participated in a session of the Institute and am now a facilitator for a session which began yesterday and will end in April/May.

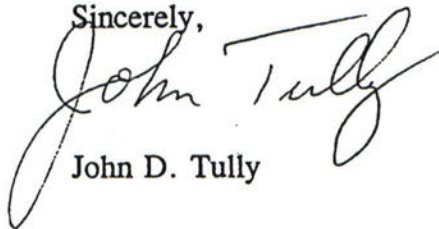
No reputable individual or organization speaks in favor of racism. One could accurately say that since the Emancipation Proclamation, racism has been officially disfavored in this country. Yet, no one would deny that it is a persistent, malignant problem in our society and one which must be addressed to fulfill the hope and ideals of our country. Senator Bill Bradley, from New Jersey, made a statement some time ago which struck me as the most perceptive single comment on the problem. He said that until people of different races were able to sit down and honestly discuss what it was that they feared and/or disliked about people of other races, there would be no solution to the problem of racism.

From my experience, I would say that the Institute for the Healing of Racism does an excellent job of providing an environment in which people do feel comfortable sharing their thoughts on racism and this leads to a far greater understanding of the feelings of those who experience its affects. As sympathetic as members of the white community may be, there is nothing comparable to hearing, in honest, sincere fashion, the life experiences of people of color involving racist attitudes. Institutions are in place to limit racism but only on the individual level can it actually be eliminated. The sessions of the Institute provide a framework to allow that to happen.

As is so often the case, education is all-important. Many prejudices begin at an early age, before much thought is given to the basis for the prejudice. The Institute focuses on the kind of information which helps people overcome irrational beliefs and change what Nathan Rutstein, author of *Healing Racism in America*, calls "the emotional commitment to ignorance".

This area is indebted to you for your commitment to better understanding among the races. Personally, I am grateful to you for your promotion of the Institute and look forward to helping it expand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John Tully". The signature is fluid and stylized, with the first and last names clearly legible.

John D. Tully

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