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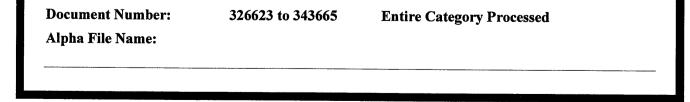
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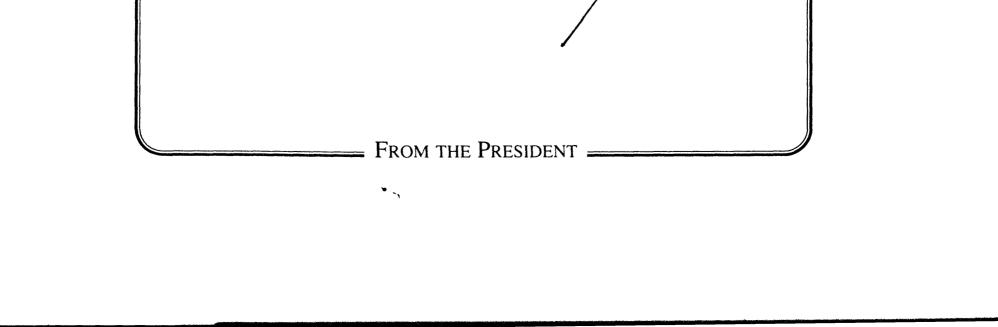
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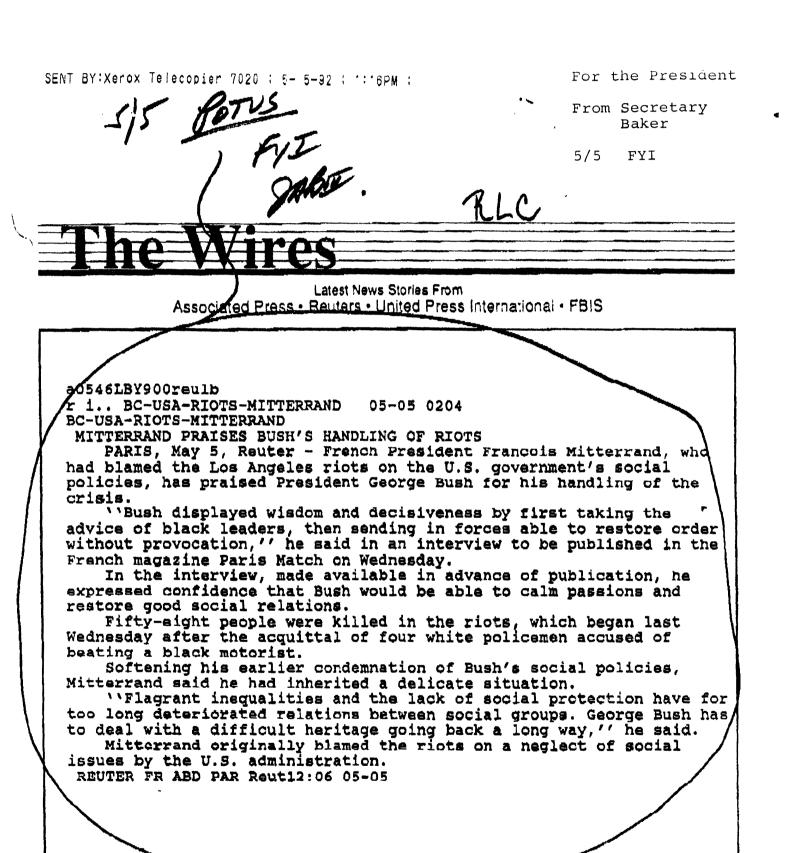
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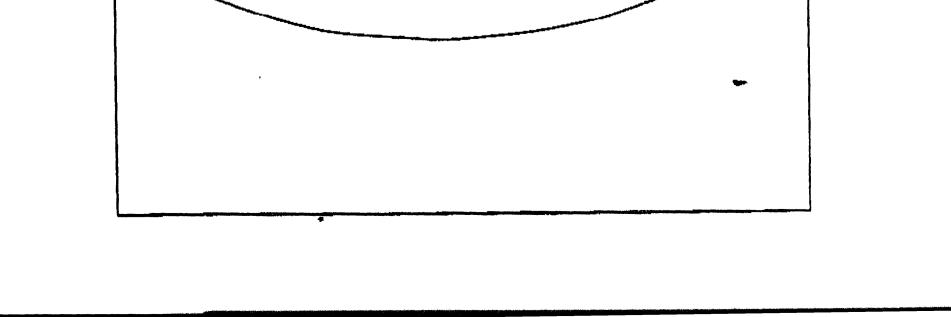
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006

TELEPHONE (202) 737-2824

May 5, 1992 (Dictated from Seoul, Korea)

Dear Mr. President:

I write this from Korea where I have been for the past week. I have met here with the President and his likely successor next year.

As you can imagine, the Koreans are deeply concerned about the events in Los Angeles, but I believe greatly reassured by your intervention on their behalf as well as your explicit expression of concern for their welfare.

That said, the Los Angeles riots have become a factor of intense debate on the domestic scene here. Despite the fact that the 400,000 Korean Americans living in Los Angeles (the largest community of Koreans anywhere in the world outside Korea) is comprised of America citizens, their connections to Korea are deep, lasting and even mysterious. Therefore, the linkage remains very strong.

Several delegations of politicians from various parties are dispatching to Los Angeles, reflecting the domestication of the problem.

Knowing that you are preparing a trip to Los Angeles, I would recommend strongly that you consider meeting with the Korean Ambassador, Hyun Hong Choo, to receive a briefing prior to departure. I understand that he was just in Los Angeles and has a firsthand account of the feelings of the Korean community. It is not clear to me whether actually having the Ambassador with you on the trip is something you would countenance, but at the very minimum, I should think both President Roh and the Koreans on this side, and the Korean Americans in Los Angeles on the other side, would appreciate the gesture of your hearing the Ambassador's views.

As you know, he is a very sophisticated and effective person, and it strikes me that you would benefit from this step.

After continuing from Seoul to Taipei and then to Tokyo, I will be back in Washington and plan to request a brief meeting with you.

With my warm regards,

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

ROGER B. PORTER REP FROM:

SUBJECT:

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Letter to Michael E. Tennenbaum

As you requested, I have drafted a response from you to Michael Tennenbaum who wrote you about mobilizing the country to deal with our urban challenge. He enclosed a copy of the Kerner Commission Report and encouraged you to start a "Marshall Plan" solution.

As the attached memorandum on the Kerner Commission that I sent you last January indicates, the basic thrust of the Kerner Commission was its recommendation for massive Federal programs to create jobs, improve education, provide low-income housing and promote inner city investment. In short, it posited that if we simply spent enough public money, we could solve the problems of our cities.

The response to Mr. Tennenbaum outlines three things that are crucial to meeting the challenges facing our nation's cities and refers to an enclosed statement and fact sheet that were released today on your proposed six point action plan.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached draft letter to Michael E. Tennenbaum.

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#### WASHINGTON

#### May 13, 1992

Dear Mr. Tennenbaum:

Thank you for your letter, a copy of the Kerner Commission Report, and your great hope that we will meet the needs of and provide opportunity for those in our Nation's cities.

My visit to Los Angeles was constructive and sobering. I returned to Washington recommitted to meeting the challenges facing our Nation's cities. Three things are crucial: making our cities safe where people can live without fear, creating adequate job opportunities and helping individuals to get the necessary skills for those jobs, and helping build a sense of community where individuals and families are independent and own their homes.

As you point out, this will require a concerted effort by both the public and private sectors. We can do it. Yesterday morning I met with the bipartisan Congressional leadership to discuss how we can work together toward this end.

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May 12, 1992

#### STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Today I am discussing with Congress a strategy to bring hope and opportunity to distressed communities. Our action is based on bedrock American values -- personal responsibility, work and family. We must end the cycle of dependency and give all Americans a place at the table of economic opportunity.

Clearly, the time has come to set aside old ideas and try something new. We in government have a responsibility to act now to guarantee a hopeful future for the children of this nation -a future where people are safe, neighborhoods can flourish, children can learn and jobs can be created.

All Americans share the common goals of equal opportunity, advancement, and upward mobility. But the American Dream is hindered by too many obstacles: unsafe cities, slow economic growth, an out-of-date education system and, dependency-creating government programs.

We must start with policies that refocus programs to serve those who are most needy, and increase the effectiveness of government services through innovation, competition and choice. Our approach is a radical break with the policies of the past. But as Abraham Lincoln once said, "It is time to think and act anew."

My action plan consists of six core components:

(1) "Weed and Seed": Our families cannot thrive and jobs cannot flourish in a climate of lawlessness and fear. Our "Weed and Seed" initiative to combat crime wins back our inner cities by "weeding out" gang leaders, drug dealers and career criminals and "seeding" communities with expanded employment, educational and

social services.

(2) HOPE": When people lack jobs, opportunity or ownership of property, they have little or no stake in their communities. Our HOPE (Homeownership and Opportunity for People Everywhere) initiative fosters a sense of community pride by offering innercity residents a chance for homeownership and management of public housing. (3) Enterprise Zones: We must spark an economic revival in urban American to create jobs and opportunity. Our enterprise zones initiative encourages businesses to re-enter our inner cities by creating tax credits, expanding capital investment and bringing regulatory relief to some of the nation's most economically depressed areas.

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(4) Education Reform: It is time to reform and improve American education. Our education reform strategy -- America 2000 -envisions an America in which all parents have the choice of the best schools available -- public, private or parochial.

(5) Welfare Reform: While no one disputes that government has an obligation to provide a safety net to those in need, there is too much emphasis on programs that penalize ambition, promote alienation and destroy individual dignity. We must encourage family formation and allow individuals to fulfill their potential for a productive, meaningful life.

(6) Youth Jobs: Youth apprenticeships and Job Training 2000 --The health of our cities and our economy depend on a skilled workforce and facilitating the transition of students from school to work. Prompt enactment of our proposals can help provide job opportunities and training this summer.

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May 12, 1992

President Bush's Initiatives for Strengthening Urban Areas

#### FACT SHEET

In a bipartisan meeting with Congressional leaders this morning, President Bush reiterated his call for action on initiatives for aiding and strengthening inner cities.

The President believes we must achieve three principal objectives in strengthening our Nation's inner cities. First, we must establish law and order; second, we must create jobs; and, third, we must expand opportunity and help people achieve greater independence.

#### I. <u>Weed and Seed</u>

In order to establish law and order on the streets of America's cities, the President has requested \$500 million in his FY 1993 budget to fund the "Weed and Seed" program. This program will combine Federal, state, local and private resources to "weed out" criminals and drug dealers from the streets, and will "seed" social programs and assistance necessary to alter the conditions that create a breeding ground for drugs and crime.

In his recent trip to Los Angeles, the President announced a \$19 million award to the City and County of Los Angeles for the "weed and seed" program.

II. Home Ownership for People Everywhere (H.O.P.E.)

The Administration has requested \$1 billion for H.O.P.E. in FY 1993. This money will help 36,000 families become homeowners in 1993 and start another 65,000 families on the road to homeownership.

H.O.P.E. helps families in public housing, in projects that HUD owns, and in housing owned by other Federal, state, and local government agencies. Any of these properties can be eligible for H.O.P.E.

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#### III. <u>Enterprise Zones</u>

In order to provide capital investment and jobs to innercity areas the Administration is pursuing enterprise zone legislation. This legislation would encourage the development of inner city areas by:

- Implementing a zero capital gains tax rate on tangible investments located in enterprise zones for at least two years;
- Deferral of personal income taxes for small investors who purchase stock in businesses located in enterprise zones. With this incentive, investors would be able to deduct on their personal income taxes amounts up to \$50,000 in equity investment in enterprise zone businesses in the year the investment is made, with a \$250,000 lifetime limitation; and
- Providing a five percent refundable tax credit on personal income taxes for the first \$10,500 of wages earned in an enterprise zone by workers with total annual wages below \$20,000.

#### IV. AMERICA 2000

AMERICA 2000 is the President's strategy to help every community achieve the six National Education Goals established by the President and the nation's Governors in the 1989 Charlottesville Summit. AMERICA 2000 will revolutionize education in America by:

- Building AMERICA 2000 communities to improve education neighborhood-by-neighborhood, school-by-school.
- Creating "break the mold" schools to lead the way to a new generation of American schools.
- Establishing world class standards to create a consensus on what students need to know and be able to

do in five core subject areas.

- Giving flexibility to teachers and principles to use Federal and state dollars to meet local strategies to help children learn.
- Providing all parents with the freedom to choose their children's schools whether they be public, private or parochial.

#### V. <u>Welfare Reform</u>

The President has asked the Congress to grant significant flexibility to the states and localities to implement new approaches to welfare reform. The Community Opportunity Act, which was sent to the Congress in May, 1991, would allow

states, cities, and communities to escape the rules and limitations of narrow categorical programs to use resources to meet local needs.

In addition, the President called in his State of the Union address for innovation by the states through waivers of welfare program rules that can be accomplished under current law. The first of these since the State of the Union, from the State of Wisconsin, was approved within 30 days of being received.

In January the President also has asked the Congress to:

- Give states the option to raise the AFDC assets limits to \$10,000 for families already receiving AFDC;
- Establish, through a demonstration "escrow" savings accounts for long-term AFDC recipients working their way off the rolls; and
- Extend application of the Plan for Achieving Self-Support (PASS) to allow individuals to disregard income or resources when used in achieving self-sufficiency.

#### VI. Youth Jobs

The President called on Congress to pass the Youth Apprenticeship Act of 1992 and his comprehensive Job Training 2000 proposal to help provide better job opportunities and training for youth and to assist in developing a skilled workforce.

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#### WASHINGTON

#### January 24, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROGER B. PORTER ASP

SUBJECT:

The Kerner Commission

In 1967, race riots took place in 128 U.S. cities. One of the most serious incidents occurred in Detroit July 24-28. At the request of Gov. George Romney, President Johnson sent in federal troops to restore order when Michigan National Guardsmen were unable to do so. By the time the rioting was over, 40 people were dead, 2000 injured, 5000 left homeless and 5000 arrested.

On July 27, before the rioting in Detroit was quelled, President Johnson established a Presidential advisory commission to investigate the causes of the riots -- the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. He chose Illinois Governor Otto Kerner, a Democrat, as Chairman and appointed New York Mayor John Lindsay, a Republican, Vice. Chairman of the 11-member commission.

Johnson gave the Kerner Commission a broad mandate: to determine what had happened, why it happened, and what could be done to prevent such incidents in the future. The mandate was broad: to examine "everything from police training and subversive involvement to such root causes as unstable families, joblessness, lousy education, and dilapidated housing."

According to Joseph Califano, President Johnson chose as panel members individuals that he felt "would understand the plight of black ghetto dwellers and speak out boldly." He also hoped the Commission would note the accomplishments of his Administration in addressing the concerns of blacks and give a boost to his further legislative initiatives. In order to increase the odds of obtaining such a report, President Johnson wanted the Commission to be headed by someone he could count on to be loyal to the Administration. He chose Gov. Kerner as Chairman because, among other things, he knew Kerner was interested in being appointed to a Federal judgeship.

The Kerner Commission issued a 581-page report on March 1, 1968 after a seven-month investigation. The report fulfilled none of President Johnson's hopes. In fact, it was a public relations disaster for the Administration. The report identified the cause of the riots as "white racism." In a dramatic and often repeated sentence, the report concluded that, as a result of racial division, America was "moving toward two societies, one black, one white - separate and unequal."

While noting the progress of the Johnson Administration in addressing the needs of inner city blacks, the Commission recommended massive Federal programs to create jobs, improve education, provide low-income housing and promote inner city investment. The Commission made no attempt to quantify the cost of its proposed programs. But its proposals would clearly require Federal funding on a level several magnitudes greater than President Johnson had proposed, which, in turn, was already far greater than Congress was willing to authorize. A chart comparing the Commission's proposals with those of the Johnson Administration is attached.

Congress reacted coolly to the suggestion of massive Federal aid programs. President Johnson kept an angry silence for almost a week. When he did address the report, he made no comment on its specific recommendations but gave it faint praise as "one of the most thorough and exhausting studies ever made." He said that the report had been sent to Cabinet. officials, members of Congress, governors and mayors for' evaluation.

On the first anniversary of the Kerner Commission report, a joint study by Urban Coalition and Urban America concluded that little had been done to implement the report's recommendations. According to news reports, the study found that "some steps have been taken to eliminate racial discrimination, the percentage of Negro unemployment has declined, communications between city halls and ghettos has improved."

What went wrong? The Johnson Administration found to its chagrin that the Commission it thought it controlled had turned on it. Califano claims that Gov. Kerner, though loyal, was no

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match for John Lindsay, who successfully sought to further his own political agenda.

The Kerner Commission almost completely disregarded political feasibility in its recommendations. Not surprisingly, it disregarded the costs of implementing its recommendations. Its use of strong rhetoric prompted Richard Nixon to describe the Kerner Report as "blam[ing] everybody for the riots except the perpetrators."

#### Business Week

March 9, 1968 p.31

# How to attack the cause of riots

The riot commission proposes . . .

#### **Employing more ghetto residents**

2-million jobs in three years

Reimbursement of employers for all training costs Tax bonuses for locating plants in

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ghetto areas Removal of hiring barriers. Strengthening of anti-discrimination

agencies Providing better education

Rewards for schools seeking to desegregate

Extension of early education

to all disadvantaged children Elimination of illiteracy via adult

education Orienting vocational education

more toward work experience

#### **Reforming the welfare system**

Uniform national levels of assistance at least at 'poverty level'

Requiring all states to permit aid

when father is living at home Revamping of cost-sharing

Increase in incentives for work;

removal of recent restrictions forcing mothers to work

Elimination of residence requirements

National income supplements

Providing low-cost housing

End of racial segregation Encouraging location in suburbs

6-million low-cost housing units in

next five years Revision of rent supplement program to cover existing

apartments

Expansion of interest subsidies

Interest-free loans to nonprofit housing sponsors for startup costs

Home ownership subsidy scheme

Expansion of model cities; urban renewal emphasis on rehabilitation and public housing 'scattered site' projects President Johnson is

already seeking . . .

500,000 jobs over three years A new contract scheme to repay

extra training costs

Broader authority for EEOC

Greater local effort toward desegregated schools

\$380-million for continuing Headstart

\$50-million for existing adult education plans

Consolidation of existing vocational educational programs, plus \$15million experimental plans to 'bridge gap between education and work'

Commission on income maintenance is studying all aspects of welfare

Power to enforce 'open housing'

6-million units built over 10 years

Expansion of 'rent certificate' plan

allowing public housing agencies to

nonprofit sponsors on startup costs Plan allowing low-income families

\$6-billion over next four years for

urban renewal, redirected toward

rehabilitation; public housing through scattered site housing, and

\$2-billion more for model cities

lease private apartment units New plan providing interest

subsidies direct to lender Special revolving fund to aid

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Mr. Michael E. Tennenbaum Bear, Sterns & Company, Inc. 1800 Century Park East Los Angeles, California 90067

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PRESIDENT TO SIGN

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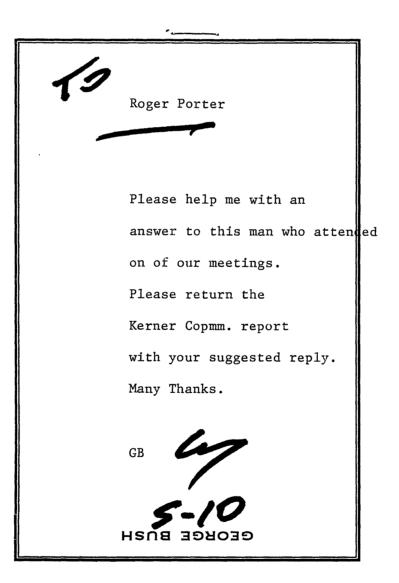
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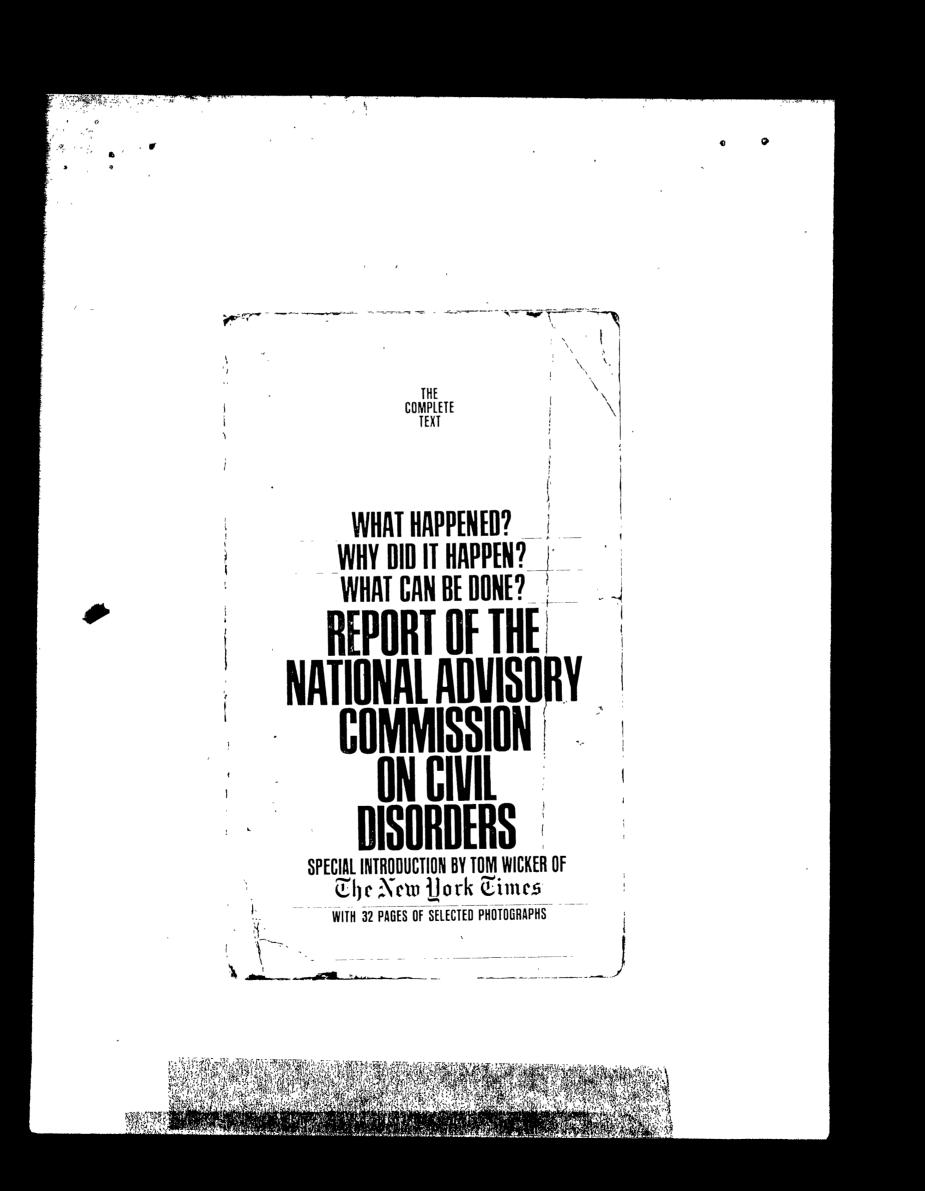
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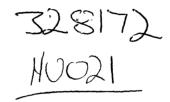
Please accept the enclosed copy of the Kerner Commission Report with my great hope and wish that under your leadership the necessary resources, both in the private sector and in the public sector, will be dedicated to this problem. We all look forward to your being the first President to take these matters to heart and start a "Marshall Plan" solution.

Respectfully,

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

> The Honorable Lynn Martin Secretary U.S. Department of Labor Room S2018 200 Constitution Avenue Washington, D.C. 20210



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PHILLIP D. BRADY Assistant to the President and Staff Secretary (x2702)



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Sincerely,

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Mr. Jaime Escalante Foundation for Advancements in Science and Education Suite 215 4801 Wilshire Boulevard Los Angeles, California 90010

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P.S. Here's a little souvenir for your scrapbook taken in Maine a while ago. Barbara and I will be here for Memorial Day weekend.

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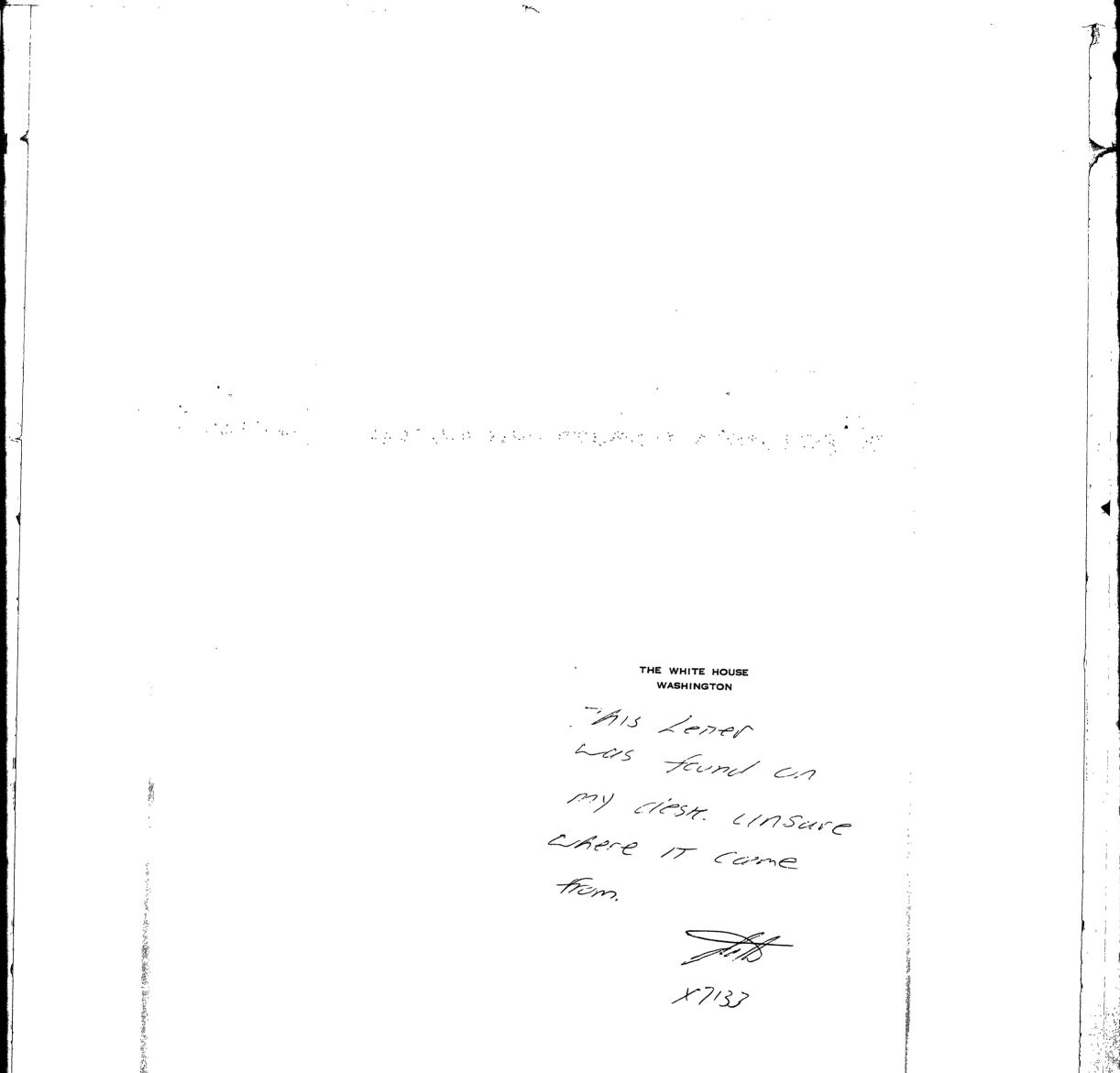
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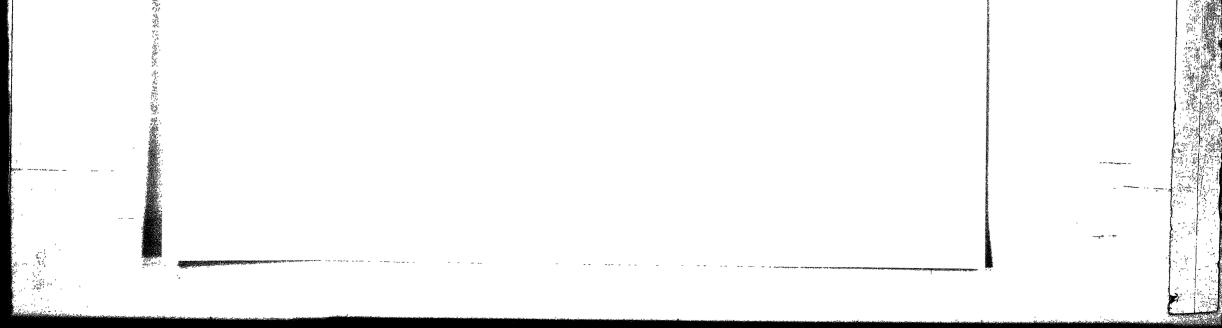
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President George Bush The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

It was a great pleasure to see you again. Thank you for inviting me to visit with you.

I am greatly honored by the beautiful Presidential pins which you presented to me. As you know, I will be wearing the tie clasp whenever I make a speech or give a workshop.

Events here in California during the past week have demonstrated forcefully how vital our efforts to educate this nation and in particular, its minorities are. Reaching the National Education Goals never was more important than now. I know that education is the only hope for some people who, otherwise, have little to look forward to.

I appreciate everything that you are doing for education and I pledge myself to assist in anyway that I can both now and during your second term. In this regard, I spoke with Mr. Roger Porter and expect to see him again soon.

I also want you to know that Fabiola and our sons, Fernando and Jaimito, pray for you daily. Our prayers will continue in the sincere hope that your decisions will continue to reflect the higher spiritual existence of Mankind and that even in the most difficult of times you never lose sight of that wondrous quality that differentiates Man from beast.

Very best regards,

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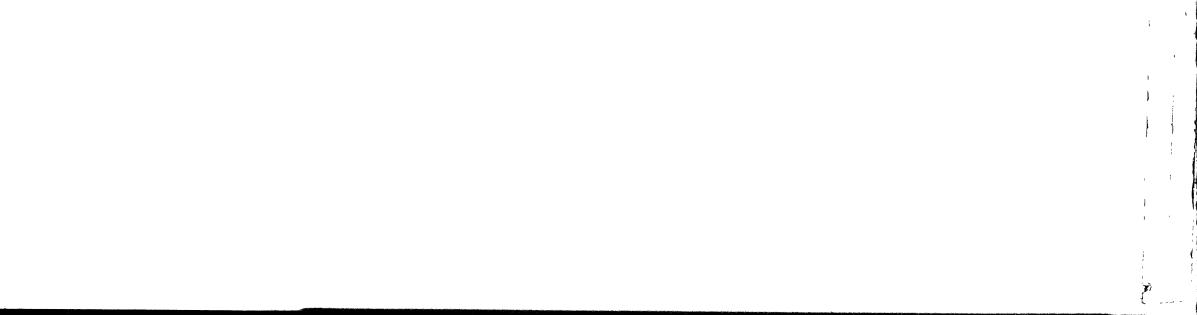
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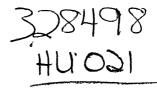
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#### May 11, 1992

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Dear Mr. Skinner:

You got a bum rap on 60 Minutes Sun. nite. But so did Lindb erg back in 41! I was on Tinian Aug. 6, 45 and am ylad we didnt know what the Fnola Gay was carrying in her belly that night or we wouldnt have gotten much shuteye! Tibbits used every foot of that 8500 ft.runway and we were damn glad it was a successful strike. Got us home much sooner!!!

Here is my suggestion for cleaning up the LA burned-out areas: Urge a lot of our millionnaire athletes, BLACK AND WHITE, to ante up millions in a pool and use that dough to buy bldg. materials and let the residents rebuild their own (and better) homes! It would save us all tax dollars and give them a great sense of PRIDE!

**Pls urge** Mr. Bush to do this, Mr. Skinner. It is COMMON SENSE AND POPULIST, and it will earn him VOTES. It is just what GW or HST or TR would do. That should be good enough for Bush!!

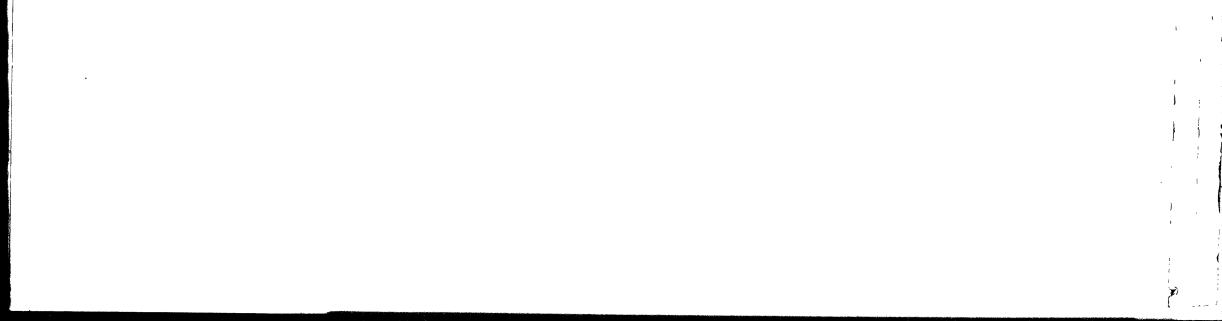
Wont you mention my letter to him and urge that he follo thru, please? What can possibly be wrong with it?

(If Mr. Bush does this he will get our votes again) Thanks for your reply,

Joseph Ray

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#### May 13, 1992

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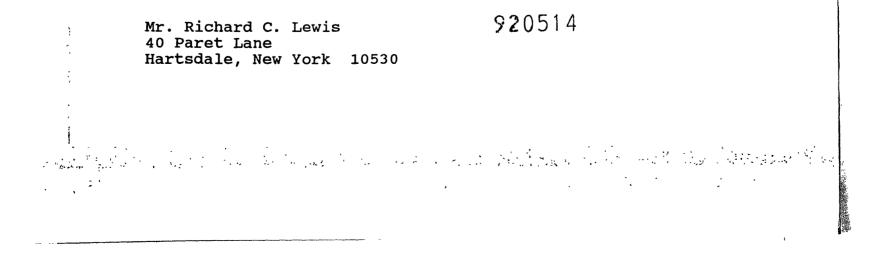
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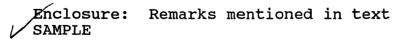
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President George Bush The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We are all shocked about the events that occurred last weekend in Los Angeles. What has happened to our justice system will never be forgotten and the repercussions will be felt for many years. I am afraid to say that this event will occur in other cities unless we address the concerns of our underprivileged

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For the past eight years we, in Westchester County have been feeding the hungry and housing the homeless, despite this county being the richest in the United States. Unemployment among the African Americans and the other minorities, lack of affordable housing and other lack of good things that we all want for our citizens will, I am sure will cause more riots in our cities and towns.

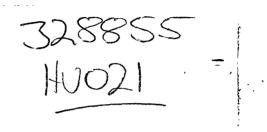
I have a son who lives in New York City. When we drive to Manhattan to visit him we go through Harlem. I wish that you could see the once beautiful apartment houses that are gutted, either by fire, neglect, or abandonment Three and more families are living in rooms that should accommodate perhaps one. On your next trip to our city please take the opportunity to at least see the ruin, but more importantly, talk to the residents about your willingness to help upgrade their living standard and help them be part of the system that we all enjoy.

Please do not let up on your resolve to follow that Rodney King trial as far as human rights that he was denied. I would also like you to thank Mayor Dinkens for the admirable way he handled the situation in New York by his defusing the almost explosive situation that could have occurred.

Sincerely, Sincerely, Kichard C. Lewis 40 Paret Lane Hartsdale, New York 10530

May 4, 1992





#### THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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I appreciate knowing of your prayers for our great country. With God's help, we can build a better America.

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May 6, 1992

President George Bush President of the U.S. Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President;

I am very disturbed by the recent destruction in California just as much as you are. However, I am more concerned about America today. I believe the happenings in Los Angeles are sign of something more deep than meets the eye. The looting and pillaging by families shows to me that someting is wrong with family today. I served my country in the late 60's and am proud to be an American. This country should be ashamed of itself for setting such a bad example for the world by its action in the past several weeks. We are supposed to be civilized people with freedom as a tool to show a fine example to the people and leaders of the world. The actions of the people do not reflect my feelings towards the policemen who were found innocent. The same judicial systems which has freed criminalsin the past has also freed these officers. I accept the decision of the courts whether I like it or not because this is the way the law works. Freedom must be preserved by tolerance, understanding and respect for the laws of this land. The actions of the individuals in California shows the types of people that the L.A. police have to deal with everyday. I do not agree with your decision to send 500 Million dollars of my tax dollars to help rebuild this area. That money could have been better spent on some other programs. However, I understand and respect your decision. Those funds could have been used to help and better those communities, but now it

only will bring them back to where they were before. That is counter productive. Remember that the area: in L.A. where this happened was not the ideals area of the Country.

This countries people need to return to **so**me old values, very basic values, family values, with love in their homes not greed and destruction. I pray for this America which I Love deeply.

FROM HU021 THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON. D.C. The Honorable Alfred A. DelliBovi Deputy Secretary U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 Seventh Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20410 . . . 5-13-92 THE PRESIDENT I want to thank you for Rear Al. your superb leadership. You ~ Doud ment to L. A; you soul and you really got thigs together and you really got thigs together ad moring. Well Dove. Keep it up. Many, May Thats. G. Bul

CC: Rose Zamaria (1 cc)

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CC: (in & out) Rose Zamaria (1 cc) Sergeant Tony Bonham Company B 132nd Engineer Battalion 173 West 256th Street Lommita, California 90717

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May 6, 1992

Thanks for sending along the information on Al Hopkins

I'll keep them both in mind as we struggle to find solutions to the devastating problem in our inner cities. I am leaving tonight for Los Angeles to get a firsthand look at the situation, and will be listening to members of the community for ideas on how we'll begin the work of rebuilding.

Once again, it was good to see you here.

and George McElroy -- two fine gentlemen.

Sincerely,

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FROM THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C.

> Mr. Jan D. Norris Kwik Kopy Corporation 22-R Town and Country Village Houston, Texas 77024

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From: Jan Norris FAX: 713/840-9329

Date/Time. May 5, 1992

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Hello , Robin,

Al Hopkins, owner of Hopkins Drug Store in Acres Home, (President Bush spoke in their park regarding drugs two years ago.) worked for President Bush in 1966. He also was past president of the Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

Al has lived in the 4th Ward for over 50 years.

I taught with his first cousin, George McElroy, in the journalism department at the University of Houston.

George is Editor of The Informer, a minority newspaper. He wrote Black History for The Houston Post, is a World War II veteran and his father was a hero in the Spanish-American War.

I trust both of these gentlemen and they are good firends.

Please tell Rose I'll pay thr developing costs for my oval office photos with the President.

Sincerely, JN by MOM

Coorge McElroy, Editor PO BOX 3086 HOUSTON TX 77253 713/527-8261

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MEMORANDUM

FOR: Samuel K. Skinner Chief of Staff The White House

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- FROM: George J. Terwilliger, III / Deputy Attorney General
- SUBJECT: Monday, May 4, 1992, 8:00 a.m. Update on Civil Unrest Situation

The following summarizes the situation regarding civil unrest in affected locales around the nation and the federal response; items preceded by \*\* are not suitable for public dissemination:

The situation in Los Angeles overnight was quiet, with only sporadic incidents reported. The situation nationwide was calm, with no other cities reporting incidents.

#### Los Angeles

- o At 11:56 p.m. PDT two Compton Police officers were wounded in the 100 block of East Cypress, Compton, California. The police officers were responding to a domestic dispute, unrelated to the riot. They were being covered by Marines from a fixed position As the officers approached the door, the subject fired a shotgun through the door, wounding the officers. The Marines placed covering fire while the two officers were extracted. The location was surrounded by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) SWAT and the subject has surrendered. The two officers were taken to the hospital and the wounds are not life threatening.
- There have been isolated incidents of sniper fire on National Guardsmen and law enforcement personnel.

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- At 7:45 p.m. (PDT), 5/3/92, a Hispanic male tried to run over two National Guardsmen manning a roadblock. The National Guardsmen fired their M-16s and fatally wounded the driver.
- \*\* All non-tactical Federal law enforcement personnel will begin to withdraw from their duties of supplementing the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) and LASD as of 8:00 a.m. on 5/4/92. Select tactical teams will remain on duty to support the LAPD

and LASD units. The military personnel will remain on duty through at least the morning of 5/5/92. The Los Angeles FBI command center will remain operational. The Long Beach Police Department requested and was granted continued FBI HRT and regional SWAT support as needed beyond 5/4/92.

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\*\* Coordination is currently underway in preparation for the removal of all Federal assets utilized during this emergency.

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o Statistics reported from Los Angeles are:

Deaths: 51 Injured: 2,555, of which 228 are serious Arrests: 10,164 Fires: 11,113 Estimated property damage: \$550M - \$1B

o The following statistics were provided for the Long Beach, California area:

> Deaths: 1 Injured 353 Fires: 837 Arrests: 815

Washington, D. C.

\*\* Continued reports of plans by various groups to interfere with Department of Justice operations on Monday, 5/4/92 have been addressed with a response plan coordinated by the Deputy Attorney General. Coordination with the Metropolitan Police Department has taken place and posting of Deputy United States Marshals, Bureau of Prison Special Operations Response Teams, U.S. Park Police, and an FBI HRT team in unobtrusive locations at the Justice Department has been effected. Demonstrators have gathered at the Justice Department but, at this time, no attempts to shut down DOJ operations have been made.

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

#### July 28, 1992

Dear Ms. O'Dell:

Thank you for your letter to President Bush about the events surrounding the verdict in the trial of four Los Angeles policemen. While the huge volume of mail on this issue makes it impossible to respond to your specific comments and suggestions, rest assured that the President himself regularly reviews a representative sampling of this mail, including letters such as yours. The President appreciates your sharing your views.

The brutal violence and the looting that followed the verdict were heartbreaking tragedies for the residents of Los angeles that caused anguish and concern for Americans across the Nation. In the wake of these events, the President's first urgent objective was to help in restoring order, and he accomplished this goal by sending Federal troops and law enforcement officers to back up local police and by putting the National Guard under Federal control.

Most Americans who saw the video of Rodney King's beating were stunned by the jury verdict. The President shared that emotional reaction, but frustration with a jury verdict is no excuse for wanton destruction of life and property. Our system of justice establishes a peaceful, orderly means by which a jury determines whether guilt has been proved beyond a reasonable doubt. That system must be respected and safeguarded. Now that the State court has completed its process with respect to three of the officers charged in connection with Rodney King's arrest, Federal authorities can proceed fully and expeditiously with their review to determine whether Federal civil rights laws were violated. At the direction of President Bush, the Department of Justice has accelerated the criminal investigation that it had begun in the ••• case. . ^ .

Beyond issues surrounding the King case lie the larger questions of what course our country must chart to provide hope and opportunities for people who are trapped in circumstances that breed despair. Government has a responsibility to help people take control of their lives. While President Bush fully appreciates that federal assistance programs of the 1960s were well intentioned, we must face the fact that some simply have not worked. It is time to try something new, and the President believes that we must start with a set of principles and policies that places greater emphasis on fostering individual responsibility, setf-reliance, and dignity. You may know that the President recently signed into law legislation that will replenish the accounts that are being used to help those who were victims of the lawless violence in Los Angles to get back on their feet. In addition to aid targeted for Los Angeles, the bill also helps to finance more than 400,000 summer jobs for youths, with a special focus on young people in America's largest cities. Further, it provides \$1.45 billion in guaranteed loans to help small business across the country create new jobs.

While these steps are important, they are only the beginning. To bring about fundamental change, President Bush is urging Congress to pass his six-point program to address problems in communities across the Nation. The overriding goal of his plan is to give power to residents of America's inner cities so that they can become productive citizens with the hope of maintaining fulfilling lives for themselves and their children. His proposals would help reclaim neighborhoods from criminals, restore dignity to work and pride in ownership of property, and put back excellence in education.

President Bush is committed to doing all he can to assure passage of his aid package, yet he believes very deeply that government, alone, is simply not able to solve all of our problems. Only individual citizens can encourage racial harmony, serve as models of integrity and moral restraint, and give of their time and energy in order to help others and to foster America's highest ideals. The President asks that all of our citizens accept these responsibilities.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Cecile B. Krémer Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Public Liaison

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May 7, 1992

le Ce. Wrenne Hon. George Bush, President United States of America 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Kansas chapter of the National Association of Social Workers is deeply concerned that you have failed to acknowledge the deep seated, systemic roots of the frustration, anger, and violence which recently erupted in Los Angeles and other communities around our nation. Focusing on and responding only to the violence, while ignoring the long-term social and economic violence done to oppressed people of all races in our nation, leads to blaming the victims rather than to addressing their needs. Millions of Americans do not have, nor can they get, access to adequate housing, jobs, educational opportunities, health care or justice. These social and economic ills have persisted, and have grown worse over the last decade.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. forewarned us about the outbreak of urban riots, when he said, "Where there is no justice, there is violence." If we need more evidence of the truth of this observation than can be found in our own backyard, we need but to look at recent world events.

We, as a nation, and you as our President, must find a way to bring social and economic justice to the millions of poor and disenfranchised Americans. More police officers, more mistrust, and more victim blaming are part of the problem, not part of the solution. We implore you to exercise the power of your office to address these concrete needs with concrete social programs.

If it is true that a society should be judged by how it treats its poorest citizens, then our society should be ashamed of itself, and our people ashamed of ourselves and of our great country.

> Sincerely, Kristi O'Dell

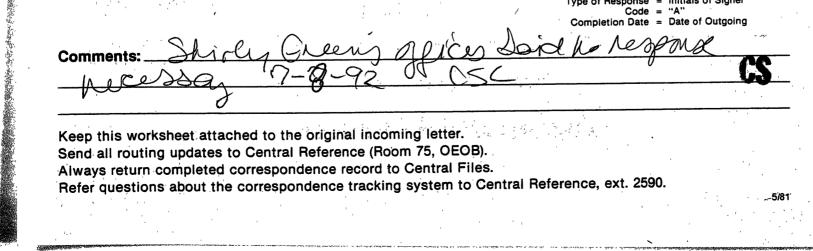
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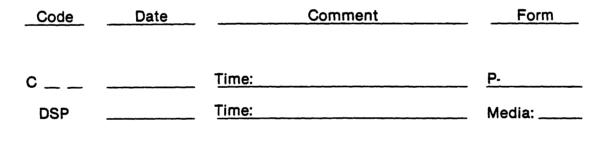
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May 14, 1992

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President George Bush The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you are aware, the individuals who attacked Mr. Reginald Denny during the recent riots in Los Angeles have been arrested, and they will face trial in the near future. The videotape showing the brutal beating of Mr. Denny has been shown repeatedly in Los Angeles, as well as nationally. Based on the tape and the testimony of witnesses, it is quite likely that the accused men will be found guilty of attempted murder, torture, etc.

Although there are great and significant differences between the incident involving Mr. Denny and that involving Rodney King, the perception among many in our community is that the two situations are parallel. For example, both incidents were captured on tape. Both involved four men hitting and overpowering a defenseless, weaker person. One case involved four white men hitting a black man; the other involved four black men hitting a white man.

Because of these perceptions, I predict, albeit sadly, that if and when a verdict of guilty is handed down for Mr. Denny's assailants, there will be great riots. The common belief will be that four white men were found innocent despite videotaped evidence, whereas four black men were convicted based on videotaped evidence. The verdict will be taken by many to reflect widespread injustice and racism in this country.

I personally do not accept this simple equation of two very different incidents in our recent history. However, I am very troubled that widespread perceptions about the handling of these two incidents will further inflame broad segments of the community. Obviously, I do not condone rioting or other acts of violence. However, I am very much attuned to the effects of mob psychology.

If there is any way that you can use your office to intervene in this situation and to prevent this matter from coming to trial, I believe that you will prevent much grief and serve as a source of

tremendous good and healing for our community and the nation.

Cordially, Rabbi Levi Meier, Ph.D. Chaplain/Psychologist

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

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#### WASHINGTON

#### June 1, 1992

Dear Mr. Gillespie:

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Thank you for your letter to the President about demographic issues and current public policy concerns. I hope you enjoyed the President's Friday address and enclose a copy of the transcript of his remarks.

The President shares your interest in the family and the relationship of changes in families to social ills. In his State of the Union address this year he announced the appointment of a National Commission on Urban Families. This Commission, chaired by Missouri Governor John Ashcroft, will report at the end of the year.

We share your interest in the impact of immigration trends in Los Angeles and will read with interest your report when received.

Sincerely Carpo 1

Hanns Kuttner Associate Director for Health and Social Services Policy Office of Policy Development

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Enclosure

Robert W. Gillespie President

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May 21, 1992

President George Bush The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington DC 20500

Dear President Bush,

I am looking forward to hearing you speak at the Town Club Friday, May 29th. There are two demographic issues that need to be studied before understanding the causes behind the riots in Los Angeles. The first is the breakup of the family. Nowhere is this more evident than in the percentage of unwed teenage mothers. Only 13% of African American teenagers who are having children will get married and, for the Hispanic community, that figure is 36.5%. Last year teenage mothers cost the state of California \$225 million in AFDC grants and food stamps.

There has been a massive migration of legal and illegal immigration into Los Angeles county during the last ten years. We will send a comprehensive report on these demographic factors at a later date.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Los Angeles.

Sincerely yours,

Bob Silleiper

Robert W. Gillespie President

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May 5, 1992

#### MEMORANDUM

FOR:	Samuel K. Skinner
	Chief of Staff
	The White House

FROM: George J. Terwilliger, Deputy Attorney General

Tuesday, May 5, 1992 8:30 a.m. Update on Civil Unrest Situation SUBJECT:

The following summarizes the situation regarding civil unrest in affected locales around the nation and the federal response; items preceded by \*\* are not suitable for public dissemination:

Los Angeles remained generally calm again last night. No cities other than Los Angeles reported any incidents in the night. Toronto, Canada reported looting and the shooting of a black man by police.

#### California

#### Los Angeles

- \*\* The following federal Agencies have units remaining in the Los Angeles area: Immigration and Naturalization Service has 109 agents; U.S. Marshal's Service has 114 agents; FBI SWAT has 61 agents, and FBI HRT has 55 agents.
- \*\* A confidential source of unknown reliability reported that members of the "Crips" and "Bloods" have banded together for the sole purpose of continuing looting and arson activities in the areas of Los Angeles that have not been previously targeted. Information also suggests that Los Angeles gang members have obtained weapons and ammunition due to the widespread looting of Los Angeles area gun stores. Source information indicates that Los Angeles gangs will begin to target LAPD officers for assassination as early as 5/5/92. At 11:00 p.m. PDT, 5/4/92, it was reported that two members of the "Crips" gang were arrested. One of the arrested

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individuals is cooperating and has confirmed that possible attacks on LAPD officers will be forthcoming.

At 11:19 p.m. PDT, 5/4/92, shots were fired at Untied States Ο Marine Corps personnel stationed at the Carson Mall, Carson, California. One subject is in custody and one subject remains outstanding. No injuries were reported.

At 11:22 p.m. PDT, 5/4/92, two shots were fired at National
 Guard personnel stationed at the Fox Hill Mall, Culver City,
 California. No suspects or injuries were reported.

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o The following updated statistics are provided for Los Angeles:

Deaths 58 Injured: 2,555, of which 228 are serious Arrests: 11,500 Fires: 11,113 Estimated property damage: \$717 M in Los Angeles County

\*\* A joint federal/local task force comprised of local law enforcement, agents from the FBI and ATF, and federal prosecutors is being established to investigate riot related violent criminal activity. Investigations are underway.

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\*\* FBI sources report that four "Crip" street gang members have obtained:

10,000 rounds of .380 ammunition 4 TEC-9 pistols 6 Block 9mm pistols

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The subjects are alleged to be enroute to Los Angeles

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

August 27, 1992

Dear Mr. Yim:

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On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for sharing the concerns of the Korean American Grocers Association of Greater Washington regarding the recent riots in Los Angeles. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

On June 22, the President signed the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill, which provides emergency funding for the nationwide disaster programs of the Federal Emergency Agency and the Small Business Administration. In particular, this bill replenishes the resources of both agencies for expenditures they are making to help the victims of the violence in Los Angeles. These funds have been used to help shelter people affected by this tragedy, and to offer low interest loans to individuals in business affected by the riots.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns with the President. Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Clayton Fong Deputy Assistant to the President for Public Liaison

Mr. James C. Yim President, The Korean-American Grocers Association of Greater Washington **P.O.** Box 90486 Washington, D.C. 20090-0486

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President George Bush The White House Washington, D.C. 20201

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May 20, 1992

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Dear Honorable Bush :

The Korean American Grocers Association of Greater Washington represents 2,500 Korean-American businessmen in the Washington Metropolitan area. We are one of the fastest growing trade organizations in the city.

This is to express our utter shock and outrage over the violence and destruction of our property and the loss of our livelihood as a result of the recent civil upheaval in Los Angeles, Ca.

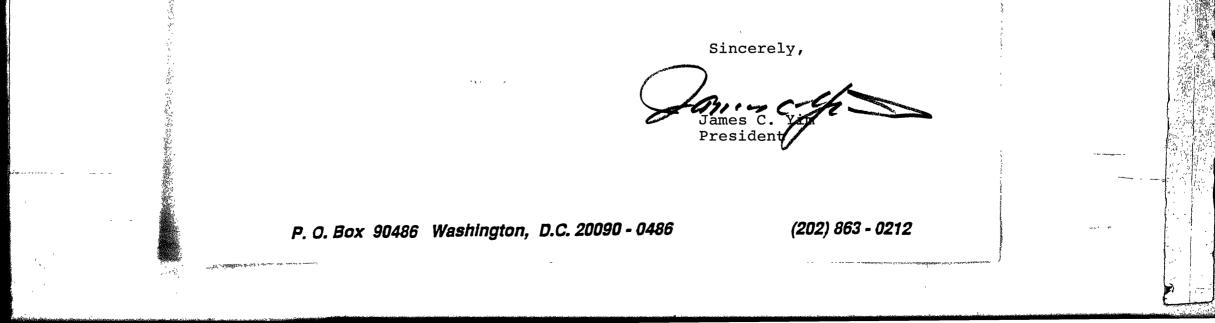
We strongly condemn the way the popular media has distorted the tragedy of the recent civil unrest as a conflict between the Korean-American and African-American communities; however, the real issue is pervasive racism and poverty.

Unfortunately, the Korean-Americans have been wrongly and unjustly scapegoated for America's societal problems.

We strongly believe that the U.S. Government at the federal, state, county, and city level should be held responsible for the uncountable loss. We also believe the U.S. Government is responsible for restoring our community's confidence and faith in our system.

The Government should be accountable to the Korean-Americans for compensating the loss of income suffered as a result of the destruction of their businesses.

We look forward for your prompt response and immediate action regarding this critical matter.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON. D.C.

The Reverend Charles E. Bullock HU02 Torrance Community Church of the Nazarene 700 Maple Avenue Torrance, California 90503

May 28, 1992

Dear Reverend Bullock:

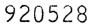
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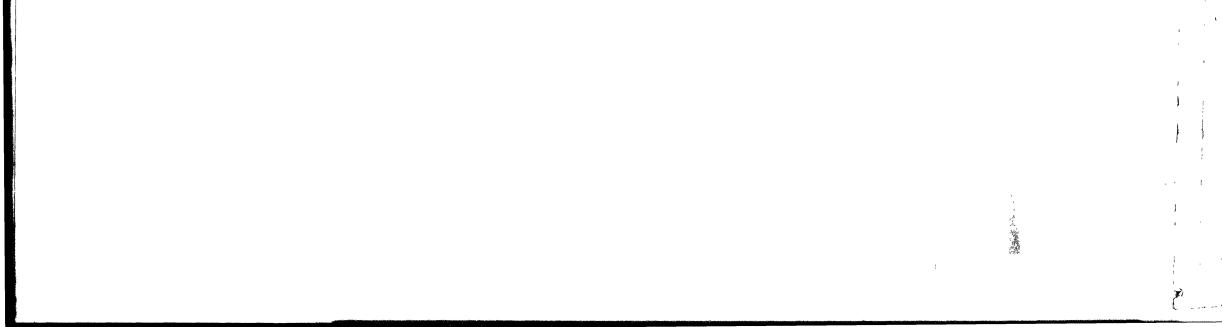
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Dear Reverend:

Torrance, California 90503

700 Maple Avenue

Thank you for sharing with me your support and the copy of Justin Richards's letter.

The brutal violence and the looting that followed the verdict were heartbreaking tragedies for the residents of Los Angeles and for the rest of us who watched on television. I share Justin's reaction to the violence, and I agree that frustration with a jury verdict is not an excuse to destroy life and property. Our system of justice establishes a peaceful, orderly means by which a jury determines guilt or innocence, and that system must be respected and safeguarded.

In the aftermath of the Los Angeles disturbance, our Nation must address the larger questions of what has caused the despair and

hopelessness that fueled the riots. We must as a Nation attempt to provide opportunities for people who are trapped in desperate socioeconomic circumstances, and I believe firmly that this will

entail a radical departure from approaches of the past that have not

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worked. We must provide common-sense programs that will foster personal responsibility and give individuals the power to care for themselves and for their families.

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Another aspect of the solution, as Justin <u>so astroity</u> suggests, is maintaining the strength and integrity of the family as a delement if of our Nation's well being. We must strengthen the family because it is the family that has the greatest bearing on our future. It is incumbent upon each of us to uphold the principles of moral and ethical conduct that form the foundation of our society. I am pleased to know that you, Justin, and your congregation stand with me in this important work.

Best wishes.

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# TORRANCE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

700 MAPLE AVENUE, TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA 90503 🗆 213-328-9080

May 12, 1992

President George Bush 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. Washinton, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President,

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Pastor

Charles E. Bullock

Ph.D., D.D.

Enclosed you will find a copy of "One Kids Opinion" written by Justin Richards, age 11. He has captured the message of truth concerning the recent riots and the cure for man's needs.

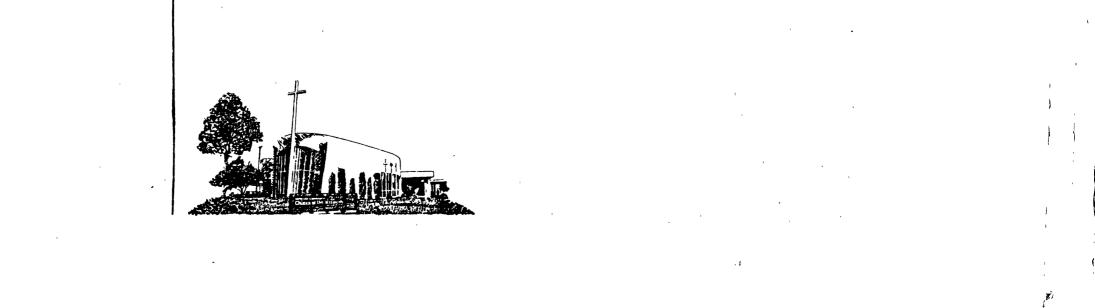
I shared this with our Church last Sunday and it was felt by our congragation that you would be interested in reading it.

We want you to be aware that we are praying for you and your leadership.

Yours because of Him,

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Charles E. Bullock



#### "One Kids Opinion"

To start with--I have always been taught, and strongly believe <u>Two</u> <u>Wrongs</u> don't make a <u>right</u>.

I do not believe that these senseless killings, fires, looting and all other violence was brought on by protesters that were upset by the verdict brought down on 4 police officers. Granted those police officers should have been found guilty for the beating of Rodney King. No one deserves to be beaten in such a manner as he was. It makes no difference whether he was considered a bad person or not. What was done to Rodney King was definitely wrong. I feel that the people that are involved in all this senseless crime are hurting angry people and thugs. What really hurts me is to see little children being dragged by their parents to help steal from the stores that have been broken into. I have to wonder what type of bringing up these kids are getting. When family's should be pulling together and helping each other to save their community instead they go out as a family to steal. I am shocked to think that Adults and Parents are setting such poor examples for us kids. I guess I'm blessed to have a mother who is a good citizen and lives a good Christian life. I think we all need to do what is right and reach out to those who are hurting. Hate is a terrible sickness and can only eat at you inside.

We can't turn the verdict around, all we can do is write to Congress, Senators, the President and our Judicial System and try to get them to look at this mess and not make the same mistake again. I think the system goofed and failed us with a wrong verdict. We need to have more discipline in schools and at home. They need to put prayer back into our schools. This country was founded on the love of God. It certainly has not worked by having no discipline or prayer or values set for us in school and other places. We as kids need examples set before us and guidance to make the right decisions in the future. People need to live by the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments.

Lets get back to loving people and helping others in need. Lets try to change what is wrong through prayer and peace. What good can come from all this violence? Where is all this going? Lets go back to the old fashion way of family unity, love and trust in God.

Please no more hate and killing.

In Concern - Justin Richards

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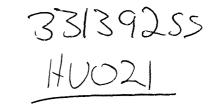
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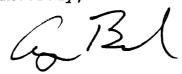
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June 2, 1992

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

ROGER B. PORTER REP FROM:

Letter to David Hibbs Donnan SUBJECT:

David Hibbs Donnan has written you via Lud Ashley to express his admiration and support, as well as his concerns about the events in Los Angeles. His letter is not a model of clarity, but he seems to want you to clearly articulate the policies you have proposed to expand opportunity in our nation's inner cities.

The attached draft response thanks Mr. Donnan for his candid letter and briefly summarizes the three principles guiding our response to the disturbances in Los Angeles: restoring order, creating opportunity, and giving individuals a stake in their community through homeownership. The letter concludes by citing your meetings with Congressional leaders and your commitment move forward in a bipartisan manner to reach a consensus on legislation to assist those affected by the rioting in Los Angeles.

Recommendation: That you sign the attached draft response.

LETTER FROM LUD ASHLEY MAY 18, 1992

Dear Mr. President,

Why David Hibbs Donnan tapped me as a postal intermediary I can't imagine but here's his mission, in green ink yet, with a remarkable assortment of brackets, exclamation points, quotation marks, etc.

If it makes you feel any better, his letter asking me to do this was "eight" (8)!! pages, so we suffer together.

Best,

Lud



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LETTER FROM DAVID HIBBS DONNAN VIA LUD ASHLEY

Dear Barbara and George,

I asked our mutual friend, Lud Ashley, if he would be kind enough to pass-on to you both this heartfelt, and frank letter. Knowing most of my correspondence eventually reaches you, George, I could have written through Shirley Green, but this one letter has opinion(s) which I feel are rather forward, and a bit more personal.

As Lud Ashley knows, I have, on one occasion only, met you Barbara; others who are mutual friends know, and have known you for years, so consequently my passed-on knowledge of you is legend. We, amongst millions, admire you tremendously. This letter was "written" oft' times, mentally, and now I wish I had put word-to-pen, for the situation in California highlighted my election year concern(s) for the Republican party, and in particular for George, and his deserved re-election.

I have written our Governor, (whom I know well) Jock McKearnan,

plus talked at length to Ron Kaufman, Al Glickman, and Howard Goldenfarb... quietly Libby and I know and respect each! I advocated Messieurs Teeter, Clark and Black, "project" G.H.W.B. as-he-truly-is, and that our party "address" inner-cities' plight, and the basic problems which face our youth... our soon to be voters and national citizens. Political parties of both category constantly talk to, and about the "breaks for the middle class," (or unfairly pound hard at the wealthy), but with recent California riots, no candidate centers sincere efforts in speech, or kind towards the inner-cities. Our nation needs to focus on the plight, and "silence" of the truly destitute. F.D.R. would have a true "hey day" if he were alive! To sincerely survive as a nation, we must address the squalor, the poverty, the crime, and lack of "character" of our inner-cities... nationwide. To meet this unpopular cause, head-on, may not be politically popular, at the moment, but for George to address it, it could be a glorious revival, under his much admired leadership.

As you know, from much of my correspondence, Libby and I desire nothing relative to ambassadorships, accolades, status or governmental position... we respect our President, and his wife, we "want" for them, and we work terribly hard for them. Our inner-pleasure comes not from recognition, but purely from observing leadership of top calibre, with grace.

I hope your political advisors allow the likes of "fireside chats," (informally staged and presented), a lot of talks given to the nation which are brutally direct (without prepared notes), wholly George, wholly Presidential, without apologies, or grand rehearsal. We also need, in concert, if you will, Barbara telling this glorious nation what you two have done to "better Man's lot." We need the true and clear Bush record, past and towards the future.

I wrote, at length, my old Choate School friend, Bob Mosbacher, that in the campaigns' final days, it would be grand (magnificent!) to have a half hour, to an hour program wherein all (ALL), the Bush accomplishments be staged (short film clips if you will), on prime time television, with G.H.W.B. dubbingin, by voice, his hopes, his believed aspirations for our Nation... with a choral background, of fine voices and music. Our party, and My President need full-review, and some deserving praise.

This election could (?) be most frightening... "the party" must, now be wholly innovative, solely new, and forever direct. In this, our world, Teddy Roosevelt would shine.

My blessings, and prayers go out to you both so very, very often.

arm wishes always,

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Phil:

Dave

The President doesn't

know Donnan personally.

Please have reply done and sent up for his signature.

The President has seen the letter.

Rose

Thomas Ludlow Ashley

May 12

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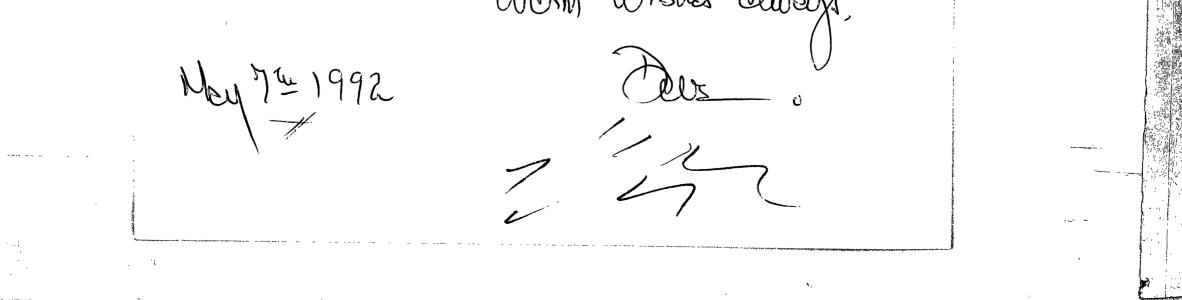
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June 4, 1992

Mr. Frederick McClure Assistant To The President House Legislative Affairs Executive Office of President 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Nw Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. McClure:

Enclosed is correspondence I have received from Ms. Marie Czarnecki regarding President Bush's response to the Los Angeles riots.

I would appreciate your review of this matter.

Please reply to me at my District Office, Alexander Pirnie Federal Building, 10 Broad Street, Room 200, Utica, New York, 13501.

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sherwood Boehlert Member of Congress

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MAY 1 9 1992 19 B Wetmore St. NY Mills, NY 13417 Rep. Sherwood Boehlert 10 Broad Street Utica, 714 13501 MAY 2 2 1992 Dear Cogressman Boehlert: ta response to the letter firm your office of May 8, 1992 acknowledging my call to your office, I do indeed, as I indicated on the phone, wish you to pass on my feelings to President Bush. I, of course, understand that you "con not speak for The Whitehouse." An my call, Aurged you To point but to headent Brish that the Roadingeles tragedy could not be solved

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As a taypager, Lan aware that such programs cost money. I am willing to pay my share be caused believe in the principles for which this country stands, freedom, justice and equality-for all : for the have nots as well as for the haves.

Aencerely, Marie B. Gannechi MARIE B. GANNECK,

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MAY 1 1 1992

Ms. Marie Czarnecki 19-B Wetmore St. New York Mills, New York 13417

Dear Ms. Czarnecki:

Thank you for calling my district office to let me know you are upset with President Bush with regards to the Los Angeles tragedy.

Quite naturally, I cannot speak for the White House, but I will be more than happy to forward your comments on to President Bush for a reply, if you so desire.

I appreciate knowing of your thoughts on this issue.

With warmest regards,

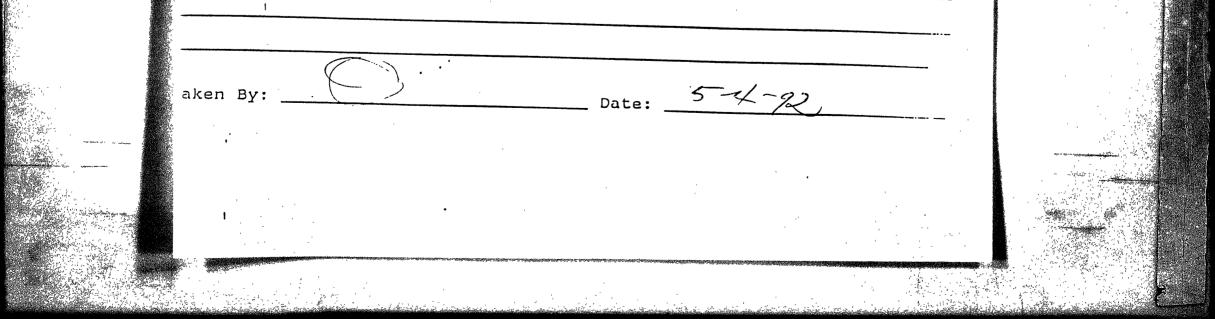
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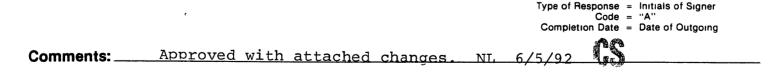
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Dear: Thank you for letter to President Bush about the recent events surrounding the verdict in the trial of four Los Angeles policemen. While the huge volume of mail on this issue makes it impossible to respond to your specific comments and suggestions rest assured that the president as regularly reviewing a sampling of this mail and he appreciates your sharing your views with him.

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Enclosed is a copy of the President's plan. However, Government

alone is simply not enough. Only individual citizen can encourage racial tolerance, serve as models of integrity and moral restraint, and give of their time and energy to help others become caring and productive citizens who are determined and able to uphold America's

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THE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

WASHINGTON

TO: The President

FROM: The Honorable Edward J. Derwingki

SUBJ: Greek-American Rally at Ellipse Park May 31, 1992

Approximately 25,000 - 30,000 Greek-Americans converged in Washington to dramatize the following concerns:

- -- Not to grant recognition to the state of Skopje as long as it attempts to use the name of Greek Macedonia.
- -- To work towards a just solution of the Cyprus conflict by pressing Turkey to implement United Nations resolutions calling for an end of the occupation of 36% of the island.

His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos officiated at a memorial service for all those who gave their lives for Greece and Cyprus, as part of the rally.

Andy Athens and His Eminence handled the program adroitly. The atmosphere and mood did not reflect any criticism of your Administration. In fact, many placards that were prepared expressed "thanks to President Bush" for the U.S. diplomatic efforts relating to Cyprus and to Greek government concerns of Macedonia.

Senator Paul Sarbanes spoke praising the Administration for its handling of these two issues. The only critical voice was Congressman Wayne Owens (D - Utah), who questioned the legitimacy of the Administration's "word".

In summation, this could have been a major public relations problem, but instead became a positive demonstration.

A handful of participants that held "Tsongas for President" banners were quietly escorted to the outskirts of the crowd by the parade marshals.

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June 19, 1992

Mr. Samuel Skinner Chief of Staff The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Skinner:

It was good to meet you recently when I visited the White House as a representative of the National Association of Counties. As we discussed, the large urban counties of this nation have an important role to play in preventing a reoccurrence of the reaction in Los Angeles and elsewhere to the Rodney King verdict. There are short range and long term objectives on which a bipartisan consensus should be and can be reached. The general public and the country expect and deserve solutions and actions.

As we indicated, we are a bipartisan group that supports many of the President's initiatives, as well as certain proposals coming from Congress. Candidly, our most critical concern is that some action be taken quickly. The large urban jurisdictions face very immediate challenges and the Federal government has a very important role to play in solving these problems.

We look forward to working with you on these important economic issues now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

#### July 15, 1992

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Sincerely,

Cecirc B Kremer Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Public Liaison

Mr. Gerald S. Arenberg Executive Director National Association of Chiefs of Police 3801 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33137

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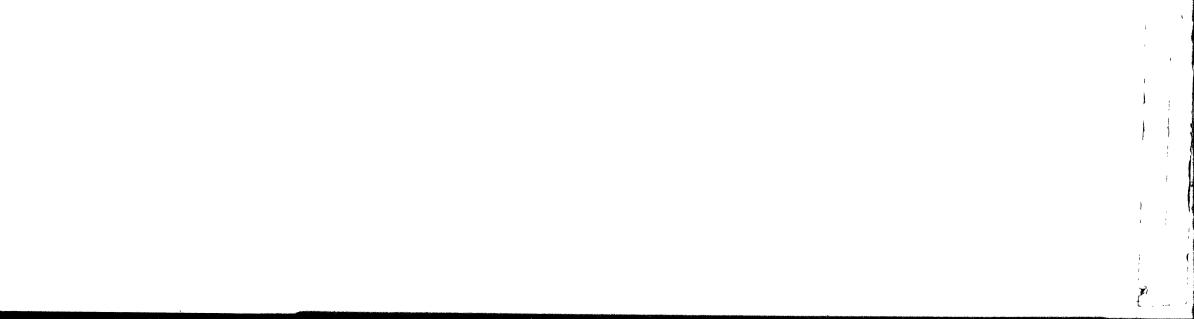
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PRESIDENT BUSH:

AS PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, I ASK YOU TODAY TO PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE OFFICERS OF AMERICA IN THE WAKE OF THE RODNEY KING VERDICT AND SUBSEQUENT L.A. RIOTS. ALTHOUGH THE VIDEOTAPED BEATING OF MOTORIST RODNEY KING WAS A FLAGRANT DISPLAY OF WRONGFUL POLICE PROCEDURE, IT IN NO WAY TYPIFIES THE BEHAVIOR OF OUR NATION'S FORCE. OUR COPS ARE GOOD MEN AND WOMEN -- AND THEY SHOULD NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THE QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS OF FOUR LONE OFFICERS. EVERY DAY THOUSANDS OF OFFICERS RISK THEIR LIVES TO KEEP THE PEACE -- TO PROTECT OUR HOME AND FAMILIES -- AND WE MUST NEVER FORGET THEIR SACRIFICES. THE LOYAL AND BRAVE COPS OF AMERICA DESERVE OUR CONSTANT PRAISE AND RESPECT. THEY DO NOT DESERVE TO BE HELD IN CONTEMPT BECAUSE OF THE L.A. VERDICT.

SINCERELY, DENNIS RAY MARTIN, PRESIDENT NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE

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Hon. George Bush President of the United States The White House Washington, D.C.

Dear President Bush:

Our Citizens Crime Task Force as a result of a survey we have taken has enclosed more than 1800 messages concerning the Los Angeles riots.

They felt strongly that even with the behavior of five officers of the department and the surprising verdict that the loss of life and property was un-called for. They wish to express their support for the nations dedicated men and women who place their lives on the line each day.

I am forwarding these signed messages and I am hoping that your office will acknowledge that you have them. That as President of the United States you are firmly in support of the 600,000 peace officers that remain on duty and deserve the support of the White House.

Respectfully,

GERALD S, ARENBERG Executive Director

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# May 10, 1992

MEMORANDUM FOR C. BOYDEN GRAY

FROM:

SUBJECT:

NELSON LUND/ $\mathcal{W}$ Similarities Between Clinton and Bush Speeches About L.A. Riots

Attached, as you requested, is a side-by-side comparison of similarities in the recent speeches on L.A. given by the President and by Clinton.

Attachment



# Clinton and Bush Responses to L.A. Riots

# Clinton - May 5, 1992

# Bush -- May 8, 1992

# General Principles

"The greatest Republican President, Abraham Lincoln, said in a different context over a century ago that his fellow citizens had to disenthrall themselves. That the times were new, and we had to think anew and act anew."

"I'm not here to argue for a big old fashioned top down government response to this problem ... [Residents of south central L.A.] don't want neglect and denial, but they don't want the federal government to give them a free ride either. They want opportunity and empowerment within the free enterprise system."

"I do not believe we can build this country unless we face squarely the fact that millions of our fellow Americans are divorced from the values, the interests, and the future that all of us must share." "We've tried the old ways of thinking. And now, as Lincoln says, 'It is time to think anew."

"I believe in keeping power closer to the people -- using states as laboratories for innovation. We cannot figure it all out back in Washington, D.C., in some subcommittee or in the White House. And I believe in policies that encourage entrepreneurship, increase investment, create jobs."

"[G]uaranteeing a hopeful future for the children of our cities is about a lot more than rebuilding burned out buildings ... It's about building a new American community. It's about rebuilding bonds between individuals and among ethnic groups and among races. And we must not let our diversity destroy us."

# <u>Crime</u>

"[The people I've talked to] want safe streets ... Community policing works ... [W]e should let people pay their college loans off by being part of a domestic peace corps if you will; being police officers or teachers, or doing some other public service work ... Permit people with 15 years of military service to work for the last five years building up their full military retirement as police officers in local communities ... Without order, none of the rest of this can occur." "Families can't thrive, children can't learn, jobs can't flourish in a climate of \_\_\_\_\_\_ fear, however. And so first is our responsibility to preserve the domestic order. And a civilized society cannot tackle any of the really tough problems in the midst of chaos ... And today I'm announcing a \$19 million Weed and Seed operation for the City of Los Angeles to weed out the drug dealers and career criminals and then seed those neighborhoods with expanded educational, employment, and social services."

### Welfare Reform

"We need a pro-family policy ... [W]e should increase the refundable earned income tax credit for people who are working 40 hours a week, have children in the home, and are still below the poverty line ... We must break the permanent culture of dependence which embraces 20-25 percent of those on public assistance ... I recommend number one you require people to take jobs." "Our welfare system does not get people off of welfare, it keeps people trapped there. The statistics are sobering. The reality is sobering ... [I]f we had set out to devise a system that would perpetuate dependency, a system that would strip away dignity and personal responsibility, I guess we could hardly have done better than the system that exists today."

### Economic Investment

"[T]he people I talked to in Los Angeles who were on the outside of the mainstream want private investment to make free enterprise work in their neighborhoods ... So we need new rules for bank investment or the banking system, coupled with small business development centers." "[We must] ask Congress to take action on enterprise zones. With a zero capital gains rate -- create these zones with a zero capital gains rate for

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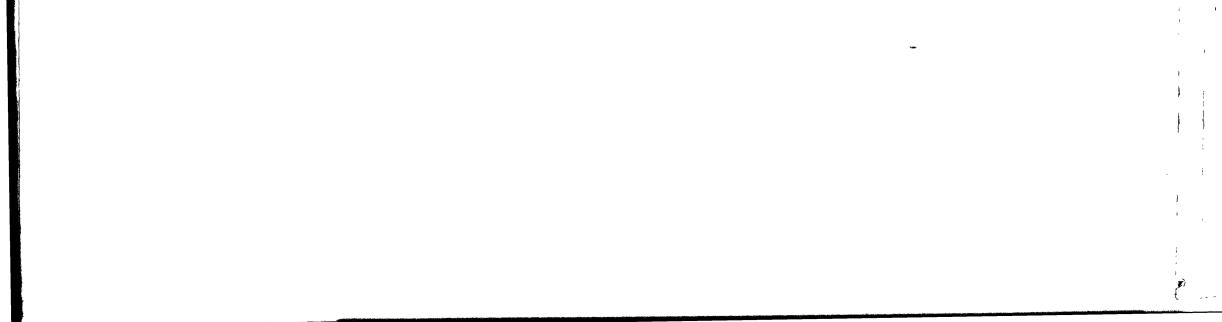
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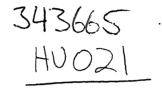
"There needs to be a new initiative to make schools work in our inner cities. I think there should be more public school choice, more parental involvement, more rules of conduct including dress codes, more availability of technology, more opportunity for people to control their own schools and put basic values back into the school."

# <u>Housing</u>

"They want a new housing program, but not a federally directed topdown housing initiative. Instead, more partnerships like the Nehemiah program ... in which in order for a project to be built, there must be a partnership between the federal government, the local government, private development, and bankers." "We've got to revolutionize our schools through community action, through competition, through innovation, through choice."

"We must promote new hope through homeownership. "People want a real stake -- a real stake in their community, something of value that they can pass along to their kids. And that's what this HOPE initiative does. It turns public housing tenants into homeowners."





# THE WHITE HOUSE washington June 30, 1992

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I want to express my appreciation to you and your entire agency for your excellent work in the aftermath of the riots in Los Angeles. Your team provided rapid and effective action in a very difficult situation.

Reports from various officials in California have been unanimous in their praise of FEMA. I, myself, saw FEMA's dedicated people in action at one of the Disaster Centers. Please thank all FEMA employees and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Wallace Elmer Stickney Director Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 "C" Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20472



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Sincerely,

The Honorable Wallace Elmer Stickney Director Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20472

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PRESIDENT TO SIGN



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Have letter drafted for my sig.

to: Stickney at FEMA

and to Saiki at SBA

Congratulate each and their agency on fast and effective response to L>A> damaga.

Stickney will distirbute these congrats to his entire agency.

I will sign tomorrow AM.

GB

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