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15	8	07/15/1971	Letter	Handwritten letter from Nixon to "Tom" re: Bessie's passing, 1 transcribed typed copy of the letter, and 2 photocopies of the original letter. 3 pages.

Johnston  
Murphy

Genesco Park, Nashville 10, Tennessee 747-7405

December 20, 1968

Office of the President

Mr. President,

We haven't missed one yet in a hundred an  
eighteen years. Hope this will help start your eight  
years off on the right foot.

With best wishes for the New Year.

Respectfully,

*Jack Settle*  
John M. Settle

January 15, 1969  
Key Biscayne, Florida

S-x  
Football Ltrs  
Melencamp:rmw

Dear Coach Shula:

You have my heartiest congratulations for the great game the Colts played in Miami last Sunday. They have played championship football throughout the year, and they showed themselves true champions particularly in defeat. I know what it is to lose and I hope you will give every player on the team my greetings, best wishes and every encouragement for the next season.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Mr. Don Shula  
Coach  
Baltimore Colts  
600 North Howard Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

January 29, 1969

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

TO: Secretary Stans

FROM: Rose Mary Woods

I showed the President the memo you sent concerning Leonard Ettelson's offer to build a home in La Quinta and lease it to him at a small retainer per year.

He greatly appreciated the offer and asked that you thank him. His plans are to go to the ocean and not the desert as the ocean has great powers of relaxation for him.

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TO: Richard M. Nixon

FROM: Maurice H. Stans

Leonard Ettelson of Chicago, who is the principal owner of the La Quinta Development in Palm Desert, California, has offered to build and lease to you a house at La Quinta at a retainer of a dollar a year.

I am passing this on just in case you want to emulate Ike and have your private home in California.

ac

M.H.S.

*Answer and inquiry to  
Thank him - best  
on document  
plans to go to  
a room - close*

*Call*

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FBI

Pollard Simons

SIMONS BUILDING  
DALLAS, TEXAS

November 29, 1971



MS

Dear Mr. President:

It was a great pleasure seeing you and having the opportunity of playing another game of golf with you at Eldorado. I thought you were in extremely good form considering the little time you have had to play, and I do hope that after the election you will have more time to devote to golf, because you could become a very consistent player.

As I mentioned to you, if there is anything I can do for you in Texas next year, please do not hesitate to let me know.

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Pollard Simons

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

*Answer  
Send him  
ask Troy*

November 29, 1971

Eisenhower Medical Center  
39000 Bob Hope Drive  
Palm Desert, California 92260

Gentlemen:

Attached please find my check for \$100.00  
as a special gift to the Center.

Yours very truly,

Pollard Simons

PS:bpt

cc: The President of the United States  
Mr. Bob Hope  
Mr. Paul Jenkins

# HILL'S CLOTHIERS

13018 EAST PHILADELPHIA STREET  
WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA 90608

*Ltr. will be  
Prepared*

16 June 1969.

Miss Rose Mary Woods  
Executive Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20006.

*Dear Dick  
The letter for the  
class of '34 brought  
back many pleasant  
memories -  
I only regret  
I couldn't  
be there  
in person.*

Dear Miss Woods:

At the suggestion of Mr. Clint Harris of the Class of 1934 at Whittier College I am sending you the enclosed for President Nixon.

We had hoped that Dick would have been able to be with us on our 35th Reunion on June 7th, but, circumstances were such that he could not. However, as you will see, his Classmates did not forget him.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would see that he gets this. I appreciate the effort on your part to carry this out and thank you for each and every member of the Class of 1934.

Very gratefully,

*Richard A. Thomson*

Richard A. Thomson.

RI/t

*Your letters brought  
me there in spirit.*

"Our 50th Year in Style Appeal for Men"

Copy of hand-written letter

February 2, 1971



Dear Richard:

Thank you for your note which took a great burden off my - soul - I guess is the spot where it was lodged. It was extraordinarily kind of you to write.

I have been hesitant after seeing in Ireland the incredible demands made upon your time to add so much as three more words to those demands.

But I do want you and Pat to know what a great thing in my life that trip to Ireland was.

Thank you for making it possible.

With love and blessings

s/Jessamyn

Jessamyn West

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Jessamyn

W-X  
W-misc.  
CHARLES  
McWhorter

December 20, 1968

Dr. Augustus A. White  
Carlanderska Hospital  
Goteborg, Sweden

Dear Dr. White:

This is just a note to thank you for your letter of November 29 which I received through Charles McWhorter.

I very much appreciate your interest in taking the time to write as you did about this deeply important problem which confronts the American people. To the extent that decisions are made or policies are perpetuated which reflect racial prejudice or bias we will fail to realize our full potential as a nation. I can assure you that one of the highest objectives of the new administration will be to develop as quickly as possible programs and policies which, in so far as it is possible to do so, will rest on the complete equality and unlimited potentiality of each individual without regard to race or color. This course will not always be easy nor without opposition, but any other set of priorities will almost certainly guarantee our failure of leadership in meeting our own stated national objectives and our responsibilities to our fellow man.

With best wishes for the success of your own work,

Sincerely,

29 Nov. / 1968



UNIVERSITETET I GÖTEBORG  
MEDICINSKA FAKULTETEN  
Göteborg C

ORTOPEDISKA  
KLINIKEN

Dear Charlie,

Hope that all is well with you.  
By now you're no doubt getting  
back in the groove at A&T.

Things are just fine here.

Charlie would you do me a  
big favor? Can you see to it that  
Mr. Nixon himself reads this - or at  
at least gets it. Spent several hours  
in an attempt to express some hopefully  
constructive thoughts about racism  
in the U.S. Will be happy to send  
you a copy if you're interested. It's  
adamant but nothing that would  
embarrass you for having gotten it.



UNIVERSITETET I GÖTEBORG  
MEDICINSKA FAKULTETEN  
Göteborg C

ORTOPEDISKA  
KLINIKEN

to him directly. If he's not in town,  
perhaps you would mail it in such  
a way that he would read it.

Look forward to hearing from  
you.

Sincerely,

*Ans*

Carlanderska Hospital  
Göteborg  
Sweden  
November 29, 1968

Mr. Richard M. Nixon  
President-Elect

Dear Mr. Nixon,

Sincere congratulations on your election as our next President.

The following words bear an urgent message. I trust that you will give them your attention. Their writer is not an eccentric nor a radical, but a concerned rational Afro-American. This letter comes to you from Sweden as I am here on a research fellowship prior to taking a teaching position in surgery at Yale University School of Medicine. I am a friend of your very competent and faithful associate Charles K. McWhorter. This letter has to do with the problem of racism in America.

You are aware of the militancy in the black community. We have evolved from a complacent accepting people; human beings who actually believed themselves inferior and unworthy. This, as the result of one of the most effective psychological and social conditioning processes ever conceived and practised. We then involved ourselves in a faithful and passionate attempt for acceptance through loyalty, self-improvement and education. This did not suffice. The legal institutions were challenged and petitioned for reforms and justice. The oppression continued while peaceful demonstrations and methods to implore the conscience of the nation proved inadequate. The more aggressive, sit-in type endeavors failed. The voter registration drives for political power were aborted by the racist system. The doctrine for Black Power emerged as a plan and a call to a dedication of self-determination for black people. This has persisted but has not solved the problems either. The wanton protests of burnings and lootings have come on the scene. These activities provided a poetically appropriate setting for the racists'

ultimate statement in Memphis of their view of the non-violent leader of Afro-Americans. The more recent events on the evolutionary chain are the activation of black organizations for self-defense, and the ambush of white police in the Cleveland ghetto. The trend is clear.

In developing this message, let us take just a perfunctory look at what is happening in the ghetto. Let us pause to reflect with empathy on the millions of dehumanized fathers, mothers, and brothers - - - poor oppressed and without hope (that so very essential element for human motivation). Now there is of course considerable "tokenism" - a black face on a TV-commercial, a few conspicuous jobs and positions. But the reality of the situation is that the black man in the ghetto is still almost completely without potential or opportunity for upward mobility. He knows it too well, he lives the facts of oppression all his waking hours. He does not have work. He cannot get work. He sees no hope of getting work. He has just about reached the bottom. Many have reached the bottom. When a man reaches the bottom then no matter what he does, he can go no way but up. (That is why the small scrawny undernourished under-equipped Viet Cong fight with such vigor and resolve.) During the black man's oppressed existence he is chronically, and acutely aware of the luxuries and comforts of his "fellow Americans". Does this not constitute a rather explosive potential?

The Afro-American is required to go half-way around the world to fight and die for the freedom of "another people". This freedom his country is dedicated to guarantee. At the same time half-way around the world in the other direction his black brother is much less free than those for whom he is fighting. The half-way between the two half-ways - right at home he himself is half-free. Pause for just one minute now - - - relax and use your imagination to the utmost - - - to get just some idea as to how you might feel in this same situation with only the colors reversed. As regards Vietnam, one other point is relevant. The black brother observes these little people with even

less than he has "holding their own" against the "oppressor". Though the situation is significantly different, he gains some courage from the performance, and admires their bravery, spirit and conviction. At the same time he learns much of the technology and logistics of the type of military activity involved.

The preceding paragraphs point toward the foregone conclusion that there is potential for even more violence inside as well as outside the ghetto directed at people as well as property. You are no doubt aware of this, but think also of the realistic probability of a nasty bloody revolution. With the prevalent circumstances and conditions this seems almost inevitable. The system would contain it. Nevertheless, many people would die; mostly black, but not all black. The last nine years of my life since college have been spent learning to save life and limb. The last two years were spent actually saving life and limb. One of those years in a large military hospital in Vietnam. That is a marvellous place to be educated about war! In such a situation one ponders repeatedly the value of having world leaders spend just 10 days with a surgeon in a large military hospital to watch the blood flow. At this particular hospital one could see everybody's blood - the blood of black men and boys, white men and boys, yellow men, women and children. It was all red, warm and disgustingly ironic when attempting to equate its price to whatever it was supposed to be purchasing. Any man who has seen war from this point of view would like myself be vehemently opposed to it. We must find some other means of expressing and settling our differences. Man can go to the moon and transplant the heart but he still involves himself in the type of savagery that was practised thousands of years ago.

Now what is the message? The brothers are angry, very angry. The trend is toward massive bloodshed .... red blood. It may be possible to prevent this. This requires a completely new revolutionary policy toward eliminating all racist practices in America. A policy of palliation, stop-gaps, and compromises, giving a bit here and there will not suffice. There must be a vigorous determination to solve the pro-

blems, yesterday. The attitudes, sensitivities and vested interest of the racists have to be ignored. They are wrong. No compromises with them are acceptable. "We shall overcome speeches" and black faces in the cabinet are ineffectual to the point of being almost remote to the issues at hand. Change will involve sacrifices on the part of the establishment, the economy, the social structure and the American people. There must be a sacrificing. There must be a yielding. It must come now - - - , from within. This is all painful, but less so than the alternative. Racism is like a cancer in the body of our country. Operate now - pay the price of pain and inconvenience, and save the life of the patient. The patient cannot survive with this cancer. Without the surgery the patient will become much more ill and eventually die.

Most probably a black militant revolution can be suppressed - but too many jobless, hostile, frustrated brothers do not know that, or perhaps do not care. A man can reach a point in which his emotional equilibrium is such that he is happier destroying himself even if only to harass his enemy; than he would be living with his frustrations and hostilities unmitigated by retaliation. You are thoroughly aware of the international liabilities of a black revolt in America. Militant rebellion may not happen in the next four years or eight or ten years - but without radical changes it will come to pass. The longer it seethes the more violent, profound and widespread it will be. The cancer will spread.

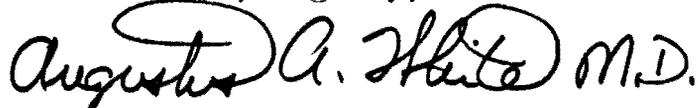
You, sir, are the leader and the administrator. The techniques and implementations are for your vast resources. A spirit of aggressive determination to right the wrongs now is the essential starting point. Your idea of participation of private enterprise seems to be good. Large amounts of government funds will also be needed. Economic injustices can be eliminated by more job training programs, fair employment practices, and a cleaning up of labor union policies. Many people can be employed in work created by rebuilding the cities and constructing new satisfactory housing. Educational standards must be equal first and/or

integrated as the housing situation is corrected. This should be done with the full participation of black leaders who truly represent the needs of their people. Medical care should be provided through good clinics especially for child guidance and health. Sincere concern and conscientious medical care programs are a marvellous entrée for establishing communications with alienated people. This could be financed and operated by the government in conjunction with post-graduate medical training centers many of which are already in the ghetto.

Thank you for your attention. May I recapitulate. I know the deep-rooted militancy. The trend is toward more and more bloodshed. Palliation, delay and compromise are inadequate to solve the problem. There is an absolute necessity for a complete revolution with an elimination of all racist practices, by executive initiative through well conceived and executed programs now.

American history and the present state of the world dictate that, WIN, LOSE or DRAW the fate and destiny of the black and white American is the same. It is difficult to envision how either can win, lose or draw without the same consequences befalling the other. As long as the malignancy of racism persists the prognosis for winning is not good. Your actions and inactions during the next four years will have a great deal more than the usual bearing on the outcome of that fate. The awesome office you have earned, more than ever constitutes a tremendous opportunity for service to mankind.

With respect, urgency, and conviction,

  
Augustus A. White, M.D.

Shelley -

DRAFT - CKMC Whorter

Send to:

Dr. Augustus A. White  
Carlanderska Hospital  
Göteborg, Sweden

Dear Dr. White:

Shelley -

The attached letter is from Gus White a young negro doctor who is a friend of mine. The letter is quite sincere and makes a plea to RN to move boldly to rid the nation of racism. My draft reply is intended to be sympathetic but not get into specifics. Letter should be send Air Mail. Thanks,

Charlie McW

*(Signature)*

This is just a note to thank you for your letter

of November 29 which I received ~~via~~ through Charlie McWhorter.

I very much appreciate your interest in taking the time to write as you did about this deeply important problem which confronts the American people. To the extent that decisions are made or policies are perpetuated which reflect ~~the~~ <sup>racial</sup> ~~intolerance~~/prejudice or bias ~~of the~~ ~~country~~ ~~we~~ will ~~be~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~fail~~ ~~to~~ realize ~~our~~ our full potential as a nation. I can assure you that one of the highest objectives of this new administration will be to develop <sup>as quickly as possible</sup> programs and policies which, ~~in~~ in so far as it is possible to do so, will rest on the complete equality and unlimited potentiality of each individual <sup>without regard to race or color</sup>. This course will <sup>always</sup> be easy nor without opposition, but any other set of priorities will almost certainly guarantee our failure of leadership <sup>in meeting</sup> ~~to~~ our own stated national objectives and our responsibilities to our fellow man.

With <sup>best</sup> ~~very~~ ~~kind~~ ~~regards~~ ~~and~~ ~~hopes~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~success~~ ~~of~~ ~~your~~ ~~own~~ ~~work~~ wishes for/your own work.

Sincerely,  
RN

January 8, 1969

TO: RMW

FROM: RN

*Call  
(keep with file)*

From the enclosed letter from Eisenhower, you will note his reference to Bob Woodruff. Would you check Stans' office to see if an acknowledgement was made to Bob Woodruff. If none was made, see that a letter goes to him and then have Haldeman ride herd to see if there are any others of this type who should have letters from me. I don't want things to fall between the stools as they did in 1960 in this respect, simply because we don't get the information.

# # #

*My recollection  
is that he apparently  
did make a contribution  
but not in his own ~~as~~  
name.*

**February 19, 1969**

**Dear Bob:**

**This is just a note to tell you again how very much I have appreciated your support through the years and particularly in our most recent successful campaign.**

**Pat and I also have many fond memories of those occasions when we met at the meetings of the Business Advisory Council and at the White House. We hope it will not be too long before we can get together for another visit.**

**With best personal regards,**

**Sincerely,**

**Mr. R. W. Woodruff  
P. O. Box 1734  
Atlanta, Georgia**

**RN/RMW/ma**

January 21, 1971

Dear Jessamyn:

I want you to know that everybody I have talked to has spoken glowingly of your article on Pat. Most important, she liked it and so did Tricia and Julie!

With warm personal regards,

Sincerely,

Mrs. H. M. McPherson  
2480 Third Avenue North  
Napa, California 94558

RN dictated/RMW/ma

Copy of Handwritten Letter

The Eisenhower Farms  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

June 13, 1971



Dear Mr. President:

I was sorry not to see you before I left the wedding party yesterday. John, Anne and I eased out but it was eight thirty before we reached home.

My thanks to you for the special powder compact you gave to me at the rehearsal dinner and for the beautiful toast you made to this great grand mother. It was a story book wedding for Tricia and she looked heavenly. My adorable Julie called to tell me good bye and I am so happy she will have this time with David.

Always you and "pat" have ~~my affection and I do~~ appreciate your friendship --

/s/ Mamie Eisenhower

JUNE 13, 1971

The Eisenhower Farms  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr President -  
I was sorry not to  
see you before I left  
the wedding party  
yesterday. You, came  
and I passed out but it  
was right thirty before  
it reached home -  
My thanks to you  
for the special  
piano compact you

and "Pat" have my  
operations and I  
do appreciate your  
friendship.  
Thanks ever yours

you to me at the  
re home dinner and  
for the beautiful  
trip you made to  
the great Falls  
of the Adirondack  
Park and I hope you  
enjoyed it very much  
and the whole family.  
I am sure you will  
call to tell me  
how you and your  
family are all  
and how you are  
all. - always you

Copy of hand-written letter

San Clemente July 15, 1971

Dear Tom

Pat and I were deeply saddened to learn of Bessie's passing last night. In the world of politics there are very few friends one can count on -- in good times and bad. Bessie and you were among that special few.

We are so glad to have as our last memory of a very dear friend seeing her and you on the occasion of Tricia's wedding.

The faith and courage both of you have had through your many happy years together will sustain you in the years ahead.

You will be in our prayers - always -

Sincerely,

s/Dick

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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