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October 20, 1993

Dr. George Gerbner
Cultural Environment Movement
P.O. Box 31847
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear George:

I recently returned from Mexico City and the biannual meeting of International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War conference. There I met two valued friends, Dr. Jim Jones of Harrisburg and his wife, Sandra, who are long-time activists for restraint of global and nuclear violence.

Jim and Sandy expressed a strong interest in having you speak at their annual PSR chapter's meeting; I encouraged them to speak to you directly and write to introduce them to you. I hope such a coming together is possible. You may even have time to see their beautiful Peace Park on the banks of the Susquehanna River - dedicated to non-violence. This special place is one of the rare spots in the world.

Their address is: Dr. and Mrs. James Jones, 607 Hilltop Drive,
New Cumberland, PA 17070, home telephone # (717)774-2315.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Virginia T. Sherr, M.D.

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December 13, 1993

Barbara Simmons
BAND - Peace Center
102 W. Maple Ave.
Langhorne, PA 19047

Dear Barbara,

Dr. George Gerbner of the Cultural Environment Movement and the University of Pa. has been working to bring about this change in climate about violence. It's working. I urge the Peace Center to contact the address that is highlighted on the enclosed article and to demand less violent, prurient, and sexually mindless drivel on television, especially in our area. As a fellow activist, I am sure Dr. Gerbner will be pleased to know of the Peace Center's common goals and therefore I have sent a copy of this letter and article to him.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Dr. George Gerbner

Encl. - article on violence

editorial - gun control

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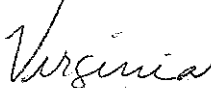
December 27, 1993

George Gerbner, Chair
Cultural Environment Movement
P.O. Box 31847
Philadaelphia, PA 19104

Dear George:

It has taken some detective work, but here (see attached) at last is Wynton Marsalis' address. Believe me, this man is a treasure for our cause. Because he is black, articulate on the subject, and involved with teens, he needs us, and we certainly need him. I hope you will contact him.

Very truly yours,



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January 14, 1994

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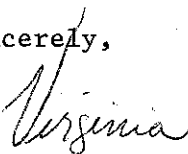
Dear George:

I have written Wynton Marsalis. The copy is enclosed.

I previously did not mention to you my appreciation of the gift of your two epistles: TV Violence Profile #16: The Turning Point and Women and Minorities on TV because I had not had time to read them. Now I have and want you to know I found them messages of hope.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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P.S. - I will call if Wynton Marsalis responds.

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Encl. - Wynton Marsalis letter

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January 17, 1994

Mr. Wynton Marsalis
c/o Ms. Victoria Clark
Sure-Fire Media
193 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Mr. Marsalis:

Having witnessed your interview with Charlie Rose in December, I was heartwarmed by hearing of your work with young people. To wean a generation of TV-stunned youth, force-fed violence, away from the tube and into a meaningful life seems to be your remarkable way of confronting this major health problem in our society today. As a physician, I agree that mindless violence is the foremost epidemic affecting our young people, and I deeply appreciate the work you are doing.

There is an organization of people who concur with your thinking on the issue of TV violence; I am a member of the Cultural Environment Movement. I conferred with Dr. George Gerbner, President Emeritus of the Annenberg School of Communication, University of Pennsylvania, who heads the group. He is hoping that if we and you share the same vision (see enclosed CEM materials) that we may arrange an opportunity to meet. Perhaps we could find a way to work together. We may be able to strengthen our mutual interests for the good of young people and our culture, generally. Please let me know if you could see merit in further communication on this.

Again, thank you for your excellent work. I look forward to hearing from you. A self-addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed to assist in your reply.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Dr. G. Gerbner

Encl. - self-addressed, stamped envelope
CEM materials

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June 19, 1995

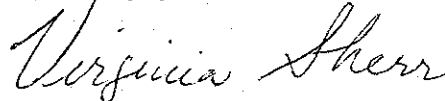
Dr. Norman Rosenzweig, President
The Lifers, American Psychiatric Association
ATT: Lynn May
Suite 416
c/o Office of Resource Development
1400 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Dr. Rosenzweig:

I had written to the previous President of the Lifers when he had called for ideas for concepts/goals for the Lifers to support, but unfortunately had not received a response, so I am sending this follow-up letter to you. I had written to him with a description of the Cultural Environment Movement. I proposed that we consider joining and supporting the organization (information is enclosed).

Paul Fink and I are on the Board of CEM. Paul suggested I write you and mention that he very much supports CEM. It is the principal proponent of reducing exploitive violence and irresponsible sexuality in the media during prime children's viewing hours. Dr. George Gerbner, Professor Emeritus of the Annenberg School of Communications of the University of Pennsylvania, has spent 30 years researching the negative effects from such TV. He is the founder of CEM and would be pleased to provide any needed information. Please read the enclosed and let me hear from you as to how to proceed.

Very truly yours,



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Encl. - CEM information

cc: Dr. Paul Fink
Dr. George Gerbner

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February 22, 1995

Dr. George Gerbner
Founder and Chair
Cultural Environment Movement
P.O. Box 31847
Phila., PA 19104

Dear George:

Thanks for your confidence in me. I accept your invitation to join the Board of Directors of CEM if you understand that my practice demands almost all my time. Thus, I cannot be more than a supportive player at present.

If you are willing to be patient with this, I will be glad to be aboard.

Sincerely,

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