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November 23, 1994

Professor George Gerbner
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Dear Professor Gerbner:

Your letter to President Gregorian and a copy of Carmen Mosley's letter to you were forwarded to me, so I am writing to you in response and am enclosing a letter of apology to Carmen.

It is most distressing to hear of her unpleasant visit to Brown; I'd like to think that these things don't happen on our campus, but they obviously did during her visit and for this I am sorry. Please accept my apologies for this disgraceful behavior by the students involved and my thanks for bringing the situation to my attention. I have already placed in motion procedures by which all student hosts will be informed of this experience so that it will not be repeated.

Again, my appreciation to you for informing me, and my hope that Carmen will consider another visit to Brown which will show her a more positive side of the University community here.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Goldberger
Director of Admission

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Enclosure

Copy to: President Vartan Gregorian



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Ms. Carmen Mosley
c/o Professor George Gerbner
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Dear Carmen:

A copy of your letter to Professor Gerbner has been forwarded to my attention and I am writing to you now, in care of Professor Gerbner, since I do not have your address. I thank you for writing of your experiences here at Brown with such candor so that I am able to clearly understand the situation.

I am at once disgusted and distressed to hear of the treatment you received as a guest of the University. The students' conduct was disgraceful and completely out-of-line. Please accept my apology on behalf of the student body at Brown; this is not the impression that the majority of students here would leave with a visitor, and I am sorry that you were treated in such a rude manner.

While it is the rule that student hosts meet their guests at 7 p.m., you should have been informed of this procedure. Then, your host is at fault for not fulfilling her obligation (when students have exams, they are not to try to half-heartedly host prospective applicants) to spend the evening with you. It is unfortunate that you had to waste your evening here, witnessing a drinking party; I can certainly understand your discomfort and disillusionment. I just don't want you to think that all Brown students act in such a disgraceful manner. Inevitably, with a large number of students, there will be some who are not representative of the whole and who will give the wrong impression--I'm just sorry you had to be exposed to this group.

Visitors to campus usually have a pleasant experience and enjoy meeting our students; student hosts usually entertain guests personally, providing all the highlights of campus life that you suggest in your letter. If you are at all interested in returning to Brown for a visit, I will be more than happy to arrange for you to have such a visit so that you may get a picture of the University from a more positive point of view. Just let me know if you are interested by writing or calling me directly.

Again, I thank you for sharing your thoughts and I hope you will consider giving Brown a second chance.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Goldberger
Director of Admission

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THE PRESIDENT

November 28, 1994

Professor George Gerbner
Professor and Dean Emeritus
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My dear George:

How wonderful to hear from you. I am sorry about the contents of your letter. I have asked my colleagues to investigate the matter and respond to you directly.

I hope all is well with you. Please keep in touch.

With best wishes,



Vartan Gregorian

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President and Chief Executive Officer

January 5, 1989

Mr. & Mrs. George Gerbner
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Dear Ilona and George,

I wanted to personally drop you a line to tell you how much Clare and I appreciated your congratulatory wire. We thank you for your kind sentiments, your friendship, and most of all your longstanding support.

Happy New Year to you.

Sincerely,



Vartan Gregorian

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