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October 25, 1993

George Gerbner
234 Golfview Road
Ardmore, PA 19003

Dear George:

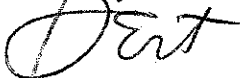
Enclosed is a copy of the announcement of Native Americans in the Media: A Television and Film Symposium. I am certain you will find it very closely related to your concerns. This is the first such endeavor, all those involved believe. While some of it is a nuts-and-bolts shop talk kind of thing, you can see that sensitivity, accuracy and honesty motivate the entire project.

The driving force behind it is Joe Anderson, co-executive producer of Dr. Quinn, Medecine Woman. The way to reach him is through Production phone or fax numbers and/or the address on the cover page of the fax copy also enclosed.

I know about this because a member of our volunteer group knows Anderson personally. It was she who suggested to him that he obtain both the facilities and co-sponsorship of the Southwest Museum. It was also she who suggested that he ask one of the Native American members of our Futures for Children Board of Directors to speak on "Why Do the Images Matter?"

It was also she who gave Anderson (from me) some material about you. Finally, it was also she who recommended that, if you wish to have any input into the Symposium, you contact him, not because of protocol but because he is over his head with work since, in addition to his normally hectic load, the Symposium has already become bigger and attracted more interest than expected.

Cordially,



Bert Witt

rep 12/29/93

Paul W. F. Witt
4431 N. W. 31st Terrace
Gainesville, Florida 32605

12-17-93

Dr. George Gerbner
Levanberg School of Communications
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Dear George:

I was delighted to hear you
quoted this morning on NPR's
Morning Edition!

Congratulations on your very
distinguished career!

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul W. F. Witt

12-20-93

4431 N.W. 31st Terrace
Gainesville, FL 32605

Dear George:

I liked your participation
on the MacNeil/Lehrer program this
evening. I agree with your
position. It's the only accurate +
logical one. I admire the way
you stand your ground. Keep up
the good work!

Sincerely,
Paul

Facsimile Cover Sheet

To: Dr. George Gerbner
Company: The Annenberg School
Phone: (215)-898-6776
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From: Bert Witt
Company:
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Date: 09/12/94

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Comments:

Received from Shella Witherington an impressive packet of CI and CEM materials. Thanks.

We leave for Albuquerque September 23 to attend official opening and dedication of Futures for Children's new Learning Center. Will return late afternoon of September 26, unless fly directly to northern California to visit my sister who is recovering from hip replacement surgery. In latter case would return to Los Angeles late September 27 or mid-day September 28. How long will you be in area?

Best from Ellen too,

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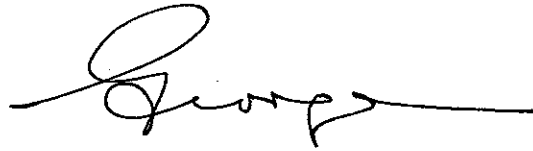
September 12, 1994

Bert Witt
Fax: 213 651 0816

Dear Bert:

I am sorry that I will miss you this time. Am arriving the evening of the 23rd. Speaking at the Rainbow Coalition media conference the next morning, and at the Physicians for Social Responsibility conference that afternoon and Sunday morning. Sunday lunch with SAG and AFTRA diversity committees to discuss another project, and then on to San Francisco for another day of business before returning home Monday overnight.

Have a wonderful time in Albuquerque and give our love to Ellen from Ilona and me. We are well, busy, but get to see grandchildren regularly.



Bert Witt,10/20/97 7:12 PM,January visit

Date: Mon, 20 Oct 1997 15:12:03 -0400
From: Bert Witt <bertwitt@compuserve.com>
Subject: January visit
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To: George Gerbner <ggerbner@nimbus.ocis.temple.edu>
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More love

Whatever plans we might have had for mid-January were easily changed on receipt of your note. What a nice idyll for the two of you! The prospect of seeing both you and Ilona here is indeed exciting. We are marking both the 19th and 20th off on our calendars. We hope you will stay at the house with us while you are in L.A. The guest bedroom has a queen size bed and leads directly into a private bathroom with shower. It even has a desk and phone for the calls George cannot escaping receiving or making. Next to it is a sitting room/den with a TV in case you need to monitor violence (but not at the SuperBowl which is the day before the Monday of your arrival). The Monday is, we believe, Martin Luther King Jr. Day which will be at least regionally observed by our still quite divided city. Give us more details and we will meet you at debarkation. With love from us both,

Ellen and Bert

To: Bert Witt <bertwitt@compuserve.com>
From: George Gerbner <GGerbner@pobox.asc.upenn.edu>
Subject: Re: January visit
Cc:
Bcc:
X-Attachments:

Dear Ellen and Bert -

I am just back from Italy and off to Moscow so must be brief. Received your good note, very excited at the prospect of seeing you, delighted to accept your kind invitation, more later, love from Ilona and me.

George

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Dear Ellen and Bert:

We are leaving here Tues. Jan 6. Here is our schedule. We look forward to seeing you Jan. 19. Please confirm.

Love - Ilona and George

On QE2 Jan 6-19. Telephone 011 Ocean area code 874 on Jan 6-7, 872 Jan 8-19, or inquire from Cunard 1 800 5 CUNARD. Tel. no 1440412 Fax no. 1441331 Cabin No. 1073

Monday, January 19, 1997. Arrival by QE2, debark Los Angeles. Staying with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Witt bertwitt@compuserve.com

Tuesday, Jan. 20. George to Oakland; Southwest Airlines # 427, Confirmation No. 4SG4XL; 8:30-9:40 am.

11:00 a.m. Interview with Julie Light at Western Public Radio Studios, "Making Contact Program," Building D, Fort Mason, S.F. contact@igc.org (650 851 7256). Afterwards Michael Phillips for "Social Thought." (415 695 1591)

1:00 p.m. (Lunch) Derrick Jensen, The Sun; A Magazine of Ideas djensen@igc.apc.org, interview, meet at Western Public Radio Studios, Building D, Fort Mason, S.F. (Confirmed Dec. 31)

2:30 p.m. Scott London <london@west.net> Executive Producer, Insight & Outlook, interview, meet at Western Public Radio Studios.

3:30 BART to Orinda station, taxi (or pickup) to Moraga, Saint Mary's College, Dane Hall (Prof. Kusum Singh, <singross@silcon.com>, 510 631 4000 or 376 3126)

5 pm dinner, 7:00 -8:30 pm speech at Saint Mary's College. Moraga. Director of January term, Ed Biglin (office 510 631 4433; home 848 3639) ebiglin@stmarys-ca.edu Host: Acting Director Prof. Frank Murray (510 631 4771) fmurray@stmarys-ca.edu

Return from Oakland to LA, Southwest # 1129 9:30-10:40 p.m.

Date: Tue, 28 Oct 1997 00:12:36 -0500
From: Bert Witt <bertwitt@compuserve.com>
Subject: January visit, continued
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Hi! Needless to say, we are impressed, as always, with your itinerary.

The general plan for Jan 19 and 20 is fine with us. We will pick you up when the Q E2 disembarks, although we'll have to obtain information on when and where that happens. Yes, staying with us both nights is fine. The more the better. We understand that you will try to make your St. Mary's commitment by going and returning on the 20th, while Ilona will stay here and visit with us during your absence.

And we appreciate that you will want to see the Gales. Just let us know whatever you set up with them, so we can plan with that in mind.

Did we mentioned that we spent 3 weeks in South Africa this August? Remarkable trip. Incredibly complicated country. Lots to talk about. Ellen started the trip with a cane, having fractured her hip ten weeks before. The first week she couldn't do some of the hard hiking to a few of the Bushmen rock art sites we were visiting. The second week she discarded her cane and went everywhere, town and country. Unfortunately, the third week she was gashed in the back of her other leg, just above the ankle, by an unknown man running through an airport pushing a big bulky cart loaded with luggage. Twelve stitches later, she continued with the final week of the trip like a good trooper. We hope that wound will be sealed enough for her to go swimming when our family gathers Thanksgiving Week in Hawaii. We invited everyone to celebrate Ellen's 80th and many other notable family events. All are coming, our children, spouses and grandchildren, except Peter and Joyce.

Incidentally, we are wondering if your QE2 junket isn't related to a special occasion -- a 50th anniversary perhaps or is it Ilona's 75th, or both?

Love to you both from us both,

Bert

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>We found your 12/4 update in the accumulated e-mail this morning. Frankly
>we were surprised and disappointed that you had already filled up all of
>the time that you will be in California with "business" appointments.
>Originally we were not aware that you would have any obligations on Monday;
> you did mention that you had to go to East Bay for a talk on Tuesday but
>expected to return that evening. Now you are telling us about a radio
>interview Tuesday afternoon, a full day's schedule in the Bay Area on
>Tuesday including staying overnight, a Wednesday morning schedule in in the
>Bay Area, returning to L. A. in midafternoon, maybe connecting with the
>Gales and a night flight home. And you actually mention trying to squeeze
>one more appointment in. We thought this was primarily a social visit
>which would be punctuated by one appearance at St. Mary's. Instead it
>becomes a "business" visit in which the social part consists of one set of
>friends driving you into town from the boat and another set of friends
>driving you to the airport for your flight home.

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>You didn't mention Ilona but we presume she will stay with us until you are
>ready to fly home?

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>We had already changed our Monday evening plans and were hoping it would
>work out for you to see the Gales when you returned from St. Mary's on
>Tuesday evening so that we would not have to miss our Spanish class. We do
>have an obligation on Wednesday evening which would be difficult for us to
>change.

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>Bert

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From: George Gerbner <ggerbner@nimbus.temple.edu>
Subject: Re: Reply
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Dear Bert:

Both you and Ilona found my suggested schedule thoughtless and disappointing. There is no excuse for that; I apologize and hope that you will allow me make amends.

Our new schedule:

We arrive January 19. Will let you know exact time later. We would love to spend the afternoon with you -- no distractions--and stay overnight if you'll have us.

Tues, Jan. 20. We will make our own arrangements, including my engagement at Saint Mary's in Moraga and return to LA. Please do not be concerned -- we'll probably see the Gales on Tuesday.

Hope this will work as a more convenient (and congenial!) program. Again, apologies for the initial mess. Love from Ilona and me.

George.

Date: Tue, 9 Dec 1997 14:49:15 -0500
From: Bert Witt <bertwitt@compuserve.com>
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We really appreciate your revised schedule and the opportunity it affords to visit a bit.

We will pick you up at the dock Monday the 19th, happy that we don't have to be there at 7 a.m., and will await further advice on the more likely time of debarkation. (Complicated as that may be, at least you won't have to go through customs!)

Having Monday afternoon free to spend together is great, and we hope we can have dinner together as well.

Yes, we are expecting you to stay here Monday night -- and Tuesday night as well if you want to.

If Ilona prefers to stay in L.A. with us on Tuesday while you hop up to Moraga and back, that's fine. We don't get to see her very often! The Spanish class is from 7 to 9:30 pm Tuesday. It would not interfere with your staying here. (We have an extra house key, after all.) And maybe it would work out for you to see the Gales that evening.

If you have time on Wednesday, and the inclination, we might be able to get reservations (which are required) to visit the new Getty Museum (which someone has said is so good that it is too good for Los Angeles!). It opens officially on the 16th of this month. Because of its location (spectacular, but somewhat remote) and its size, we would have to allow four to five hours door to door, including a snack or lunch there. If interested, let us know as soon as possible so we can try for the reservations.

Looking forward eagerly to your visit and with love to you both from both of us,