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From: Henry Kroll <wgskroll@igc.org>
Subject: Buckley Project
Status:

Dear George:

How are you today...

It was exciting to hear from you last night.
You are sounding healthy though a bit tired but
ready to carry on.

Tonight, I tried calling and got your busy signal.

re: Mr. Buckley...I suggest you prepare a FAX as soon
as possible to Buckley...stating what you stated yesterday.
Namely the CEM Board has taken certain actions which may
be putting CEM on a new course...however, you are prepared
to continue the projects of which we spoke concerning the
structural change to telecommunication infrastructure which
are truly needed in your estimation for the democratic process
to work.

You are joining others in the effort (e.g. the Sawyer proposal)
and are asking him to contribute to support this vital project
on the LEGAL CHALLENGE. (Leave sum out)

You can State that you are willing to travel to Mill Valley and meet
with Buckley and California Media Attorney Peter Frank and Henry Kroll,
Project Director.

I think the thing is to open some dialogue quickly so that when
Board contacts him you are the one informing him of the changes
first.

Cautionary note...The Board may see you acting in conflict...but
when it comes down to it...if we actually can have some dialogue
then YOU can propose funding be split 30K and 20K to CEM.

I am heading to a business meeting San Diego tomorrow then going
to Sawyer's in PASADENA.

We will give you a call when situated tomorrow eve in Pasadena.

Best regards

Henry

From: JeanKroll@aol.com
Date: Wed, 10 May 2000 00:13:32 EDT
Subject: Re: Greetings
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George...I believe Rev. Sawyer just sent that application for informational purposes. He has applied to Unitarian funding panel for some funds...note it stipulates that CEM has \$30,000 "committed"...we will re-do this with additional changes pending my visit with Paul in Pasadena on WED night and Thursday...

Henry

Democratic Media Legal Project

Mr. Peter Buckley
10 Fern Canyon Road
Mill Valley, CA 94941

July 1, 2000

Dear Mr. Buckley,

On behalf of the Democratic Media Legal Project, I want to acknowledge the receipt of your generous contribution.

The Media Alliance, our fiscal agency, has confirmed the transfer of securities, 735 shares of Allergan Corporation, which you have donated to our challenging new project.

We are very grateful for the opportunity this funding presents to further our efforts to create a more democratic and diverse media environment for the benefit of all our citizens.

In the weeks ahead, we will be meeting with legal advisors, as well as creating plans with the advice of skilled organizational consultants, to develop our most productive action plan and build our future organization.

Last Sunday, Rev. Sawyer announced our project to great applause at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly meeting in Nashville, TN. This is the denomination's annual business meeting attended by over 4100 church members. We then presented Dr. Robt. W. McChesney, author of Rich Media, Poor Democracy, one of our key project advisors, at the luncheon of Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community.

On behalf of Dr. Gerbner, Rev. Sawyer, Peter Franck, and our project term...we are very glad to have you as our "angel". Thank you for your assistance in getting us started.

Very truly yours,

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Press Release 6/23/2000 Unitarian Universalist Association
General Assembly
Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community

Professor Robert McChesney, foremost authority on the consolidation of broadcast media and author of Rich Media, Poor Democracy, (Univ. Of Illinois) is featured speaker at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly in Nashville Sunday, 11 AM in the Convention Center Rm. 205.

McChesney will announce the start of a Legal Challenge of the 1996 Telecommunications Act which distributed the use of the publicly owned airwaves to large broadcast corporations with no compensation nor public interest conditions for their use.

The Unitarian Universalists for a Just Economic Community along with a number of other national organizations : The Alliance for Democracy, The Cultural Environment Movement, Program on Corporation Law and Democracy, National Coalition of Concerned Legal Professionals, among others, are spearheading this groundbreaking legal initiative.

The reverend Paul Sawyer co-chair of the newly formed Democratic Media Legal Project said, Our American democratic process is in serious jeopardy with a few huge corporations controlling what information, news, and entertainment is seen and heard over the public's airwaves. "Free expression" and "free speech" are fundamental 1st Amendment rights that are guaranteed by the Constitution and by public ownership of the airwaves. The Congress cavalierly without any public hearings has allowed the corporate broadcasters to dominate them."

The rev. Victor Carpenter, one of the leading ministers in the Unitarian Universalist movement affirmed that this effort to provide a truly democratic broadcast media is in the great tradition of the Unitarian Universalist forebears such as Jefferson, the Adams' and many others.

HEAR DR. ROBERT McCHESNEY
Professor University of Illinois

SUNDAY JUNE 25 11AM
NASHVILLE CONVENTION CENTER
ROOM 205

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Subject: Health groups directly link media to child violence
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Welcome back...

Your friend Sen Brownback is still trying to help. See this story.

Our Telecom Challenge meeting with Peter Franck, Rev Sawyer et al went very well today Sat. July 29. Will give you full report when you are settled back to shore life in Phila.

Best regards...Henry and Jean

Message for Henry

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Health groups directly link media to child violence

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(07-26) 01:51 EDT WASHINGTON (AP) -- Children love teen horror flicks, shoot-'em up interactive video games, hard-core rock and rap and risqué television.

And in one of the most definitive statements yet on violence in American culture, four national health associations link the violence in television, music, video games and movies to increasing violence among children.

"Its effects are measurable and long-lasting," the four groups say in a statement. "Moreover, prolonged viewing of media violence can lead to emotional desensitization toward violence in real life."

The joint statement by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was to be the centerpiece of a public health summit Wednesday on entertainment violence organized by Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

"The conclusion of the public health community, based on over 30 years of

research, is that viewing entertainment violence can lead to increases in aggressive attitudes, values and behaviors, particularly in children," the organizations' statement says.

Advocating a code of conduct for the entire entertainment industry, Brownback compared the statement to the medical community declaring that cigarettes can cause cancer.

"I think this is an important turning point," said Brownback. "For the first time, you have the four major medical and psychiatric associations coming together and stating flatly that violence in entertainment has a direct effect on violence in our children."

The Motion Picture Association of America and the National Association of Broadcasters refused to comment Tuesday on the medical associations' statement.

The four health professional groups left no doubt about their feelings in the statement:

--"Children who see a lot of violence are more likely to view violence as an effective way of settling conflicts. Children exposed to violence are more likely to assume that acts of violence are acceptable behavior," it said.

--"Viewing violence can lead to emotional desensitization toward violence in real life. It can decrease the likelihood that one will take action on behalf of a victim when violence occurs."

--"Viewing violence may lead to real-life violence. Children exposed to violent programming at a young age have a higher tendency for violent and aggressive behavior later in life than children who are not so exposed."

Brownback said he hopes the statement will convince lawmakers that something has to be done about media violence. And, "I hope parents will look at this and say that they're going to have to police their children's entertainment violence content the same way they police what their children eat and other health issues."

One entertainment violence monitoring group, The Lion & Lamb Project in nearby Bethesda, Md., cheered the statement.

"Right now, the message we're sending children in the media is that violence is OK ... that it's part of life and sometimes it's even funny," executive director Daphne White said. "We're even using violence for humor now."

Jeff Bobeck, a spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, said television now has V-chips and a rating system to help parents take control of what their children watch. "We think more parents need to control their remote control," Bobeck said.

But White said the entertainment industry markets video games and toys to children based on R-rated movies, has increased the violence in movies and shows that are rated for children and even previewed adult-oriented movies during children's G-rated movies. "The industry has been actively marketing adult stuff to children while saying it's the adults' fault," she said.

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Status:

"wgskroll@igc.org" wrote:

> George...I am just back from a one week vacation in Wisconsin. You have some
> good
> thoughts here. Question # 1 for this plan to work...is identifying the best
> elements
> of leadership for the new CEM as well as putting together a plan for discussion
> around which the group can cohere. No small task. But worthy of thoughtful
> consideration and further dialogue. This part of the week, I must catch up on
> "old business" before I can return to this discussion.
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> By the way, I did see Liane
> Casten in Chicago on our stop there before heading to Wisconsin. Chicago
> Mediawatch
> is planning a First Amendment Conference in Chicago on Sept 9 and 10. Peter
> Franck
> of the Legal Project is on the agenda to give our first public presentation on
> the Telecom
> Challenge.
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> Best regards for now.
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> Henry
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> George Gerbner wrote:
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>> Henry - The legal challenge initiative could be used to revitalize CEM, and
>> plan for the next convention. CEM has been dormant, and if I let the "new
>> leadership" exercise their "leadership," it will be dead. My thought is to
>> ignore past shenanigans, assume I am still president and you exec director,
>> ask new directors for confirmation, and plan the new initiatives. What do
>> you think? Can you help draft some language? George
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>>> George...Can you attend this session on Oct. 28 ? I tried to FAX you
>>> on Sunday afternoon...didn't connect...just your message machine. Let's
>>> talk this week...best regards...Henry
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>>> To: George Gerbner, Peter Franck, Paul Sawyer, DeeDee Halleck, Jonathan
>>> Lubell,
>>> Dan Fiske, Dorothy Kidd, Alan Korn, Ben Bagdikian and Andrea Buffa
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>>> Fr: Henry Kroll
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