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Ronald White, P.C.  
1822 Spruce Street  
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May 14, 1991

Dear Ron:

I was happy to chat with you and Ali at the Folklore Celebration where I received an Award on last Saturday.

Enclosed is the Statement which Degrees of Captivity presented at the workshop at La Salle to consider the future of the Eastern State Penitentiary Site.

My SELF HELP INSTITUTE proposes that future use should be essentially related to the original public purpose. "The history of penology and the architecture of penal facilities" seem too academic and narrow a purpose for a public venture.

Public Policy Imperatives of today suggest that we re-consider the social and economic impact of the "warehousing approach to anti-social behavior". We also need to re-think the segregation of "problem individuals". Modern bureaucracy tends to polarize professionals, who, in turn, tend to polarize clients as they service them. This causes people with problems to be "worked over" in a serial fashion.

Principles of HEALTH would apply corrective measures in a planned context, related to "the profile of need" shown by the person to be served. This would also be cost effective.

A primary corrective circumstance would be a support system, based upon the Extended Family Concept and promoting cultural coherence for the developing person AND the troubled community that produces the "problem person".

The LAWS OF BUREAUCRACY which I gave to you on Saturday form the basic ideas of this "prescription". You agreed that we should collaborate and develop these suggestions.

Sincerely,

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Senator Wofford:  
Washington, D.C.

November 17, 1991

RE: PHILADELPHIANS have been short-changed in health and human services by local design as well as by national priorities.

Dear Senator:

Congratulations on your confirmation from the voters of Pennsylvania. I hope you will familiarize yourself with the details of our long term struggle to promote a more rational and less costly public policy in health services.

HEALTH RELATED ISSUES have been addressed by this writer and other Nurse Professionals during the past twenty-five years since the nation embarked upon the present course of public-private partnership in the control of health care delivery services.

It is ironic your fellow democrats in Philadelphia have consistently denied the principles and proposals which you espoused during your campaign. It is likely that the current vested interests in the present system are likely to go on for some time to come.

Recent democratic administrations have systematically eroded the foundations of our public health system in spite of many federal efforts to provide support for those most in need of help. It has been local decision makers at the city and state level who have short-changed Philadelphians during recent decades.

Civic leadership played a large role in suppressing the creative ideas and programs put forth in our community by me and many others.

I urge you to review our efforts which are a part of the City Council Records of the past two decades. I would like an opportunity to discuss these matters with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

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Dr. George Gerbner  
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July 25, 1992

Re: Changing Our Ways: America and the New World

Dear Dr. Gerbner:

Are you familiar with the 23 member panel assembled by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace which issued a report with the above title on Thursday, July 23, 1992?

These foreign policy experts warned that isolationism and protectionism would be disastrous for the American economy and the international prestige of the United States.

Our revolution gave the old world a new model, upholding prior economic values, but introducing new relationships between the governed and the wealthy, i.e. democracy.

In that earlier time, the founders and framers disregarded the deeper needs, desires and future of the expatriates and emigrants who were the undesirables of their former countries. Our call today, for more democratic information-sharing, could avoid some errors of our other revolution. We the people, should become more informed and more active participants in ideas, plans and directions.

Is the economy and prestige of the United States more important to our vision than the common humanity of America's people? They want the fight against narcotics to focus on reducing demand at home rather than attacking others abroad.

The report also states that the USA needs a new emphasis on collective action in support of peace, democracy and open trade. I have some thoughts on this idea in relation to the healthy block campaign. When you have time, I would like to discuss this report with you.

Sincerely

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Talbot "Sandy" D'Alemberte  
President  
American Bar Association

July 27, 1992

Dear President D'Alemberte:

Re: "Straight Talk"  
ABA Journal August 1992

Your message is timely, to the point and encouraging.

Our legal systems were first local models; the feds grew powerful because the local folks did not take a higher ground than the leadership. Prisons are always used to control, to take vengeance and to preserve the self-image of aristocracy. The presence of Africans in colonial America provided an opportunity for some folk to legalize their prejudices, mimic European aristocracy, and create an official scapegoat.

The people in our prisons represent income for thousands of law enforcement personnel, many of whom are or have been practicing lawyers. The economics of slavery evolved into the practice of people selling themselves to the highest bidder. Four hundred years ago, a major American market item was the "savage" from another culture. The same value is now placed on all human beings by the misinterpretation of laws, and misapplication of federal funds which were offered to correct local biases. Each state has a regional history with racism and needs particular and immediate self-correction.

Legal services have turned their priorities from needs of poor individuals, caught in particular circumstances of injustice, to categorical imperatives that in many instances, secure benefits for professionals and for corporations at the expense of services to individuals. The involved resources include local and federal subsidies.

The value of legal service is not measured by personnel; but rather we need to know how many persons and families, who are at the very bottom of accessing the legal system, have been enabled to elevate themselves how far through the direct help of the legal aid system. The spending represents cost. Value, in a chattel system is not identical to cost.

Racism preceded the federalization of the colonies. It was deliberately retained as the province of each sovereign state. The amendments that resolved some aspects of the

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civil war did not outlaw the chattel economy itself. They did soften its structure. They allowed criminalization of individuals who refused to accept the soft sell in the aftermath of our cultural development as a nation.

The Los Angeles riots were not startling to many. Some are amazed that so many intelligent, educated folk of today could expect people to be regular consumers of American media, without using violence as a method of getting what they want when the soft sell does not work.

It is not just poor Americans who have this attitude. Its just that the soft sell works for those of certain skin color and/or certain insulating affluence. It also helps to be able to place the African American history into pathological perspective. People who know the dangers of racism may yet profit in our market place by being racists or "racees".

We are losing the definition of humanity along with the rights of prisoners. It is not merely the African American male who is an endangered species, but the entire human race. The public defense systems have faded into the bureaucracy and perhaps that was their destiny. They certainly do not address their budgets to the critical human injustices in my city, region and state. In fact, they almost provide a cover for legalisms in general. They compete in the system; which is not the same as serving the people in need.

Yes, the problems have grown worse, but the solutions will be local. Remember, the problem of racism was different for the original thirteen colonies. Race has always been a market factor in America. Laws will not change that. It is a mind set. Our society needs a sensitive and painful understanding of underlying failed visions, missed opportunities, and the fallacy of "greed rewarded" as a social custom.

There must first be a will to change the national value system--not family values, but community values. There is a great difference. The mainstream community is (and has been) the decision-maker and the beneficiary of our planning policy ever since planning became a governmental function.

Local governments have been seduced by federal funds to create the monstrous injustice of our housing practices. Unsuspecting people were tricked into accepting public-private partnership through schemes of gentrification and other more subtle strategies, only to be priced out of their homes.

We need an interdisciplinary dialogue urgently.

Peace through Justice,

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Rev. Kermit Newkirk  
Harold Davis Memorial Church  
Philadelphia, Pa.

July 28, 1992

Dear Pastor Newkirk:

Re: Logan Development

I commend your caring and your courage. I have given you information developed in 1989 to sustain hope in Logan and to hold onto the intangible values of a residential area.

Elsewhere in this city people are taking initiatives to develop housing and the kind of community where we can once again expect to see our children raise our grand children.

**SHELTER is a PRIMARY HEALTH ISSUE.**

**INFORMATION** that is timely, accurate, and relevant is a **PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.** Last night demonstrated these facts.

The meeting last night should have been available via public access cable, but it was not. Earlier meetings should have been preserved on local origination cable, but they were not. Such deficits in shelter and information increase the damage felt by folk through piecemeal public policies. This obscures tax funded public programs. It makes people sick!

I suggest #1 that you present an official version of the meeting via press conference; #2 that you structure the organization (mandated by those who attended) and assess events and ideas to date; #3 that you outline steps to the vision as declared; and #4 that you firm up the support of all others by publishing your principles, goals, and objectives.

This project has commonality with my services in health. I hope you can attend our Norman Rayford Forum on August 28 at the Annenberg School for Communication where we present a "Healthy Block Campaign" to heal our troubled communities.

Peace,

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MY VISION TO REBUILD LOGAN

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HOUSING:

WE NEED TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES. WE NEED TO BUILD NOT ONLY TOWNHOUSES BUT TWINS ALONG WITH DUPLEXES EVEN LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF SINGLES. WE NEED TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF MODULAR HOMES.

WE NEED TO BUILD IN A SOCIAL COMPONENT TO TEACH PEOPLE HOW TO HANDLE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF HOME OWNERSHIP THROUGH FINANCIAL PLANNING, BUDGETING AND MAINTENANCE. WE NEED A COMPONENT TO EDUCATE PEOPLE ON HOW THE POSITION THEMSELVES TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO PURCHASE LOW AND MODERATE HOMES AND THE OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO FIRST (1ST) TIME BUYERS.

WE NEED TO PUT UP SENIOR CITIZEN HOUSING (202'S) IN LOGAN TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS. IT SHOULD BE DONE ON A SCALE THAT WILL PROVIDE A COMMUNITY WITHIN A COMMUNITY IN THIS AREA WITH ALL THE SOCIAL COMPONENTS IN PLACE AT THE FACILITIES.

WE NEED TO PROVIDE LOW INTEREST LOAN TO EXISTING HOME OWNERS FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT.

COMMUNITY CENTER:

TO STABILIZE THE PROBLEM WITH YOUTH IN THIS AREA WITH NO PLACE TO GO AND NOTHING TO DO. I PROPOSE A WORLD CLASS COMMUNITY CENTER BE BUILT IN LOGAN WITH BASKETBALL COURTS SWIMMING FACILITIES (INDOOR), CLASSROOMS, AND COMMUNITY MEETING ROOMS.

NOT ONLY WOULD THIS FACILITY PROVIDE RECREATION BUT ALSO, SPACE FOR PROGRAMS THAT WILL ADDRESS SUCH PROBLEMS AS TUTORING, JOB TRAINING, COMPUTER LITERACY, MENTORING, DRUG COUNSELING, ETC. NO COMMUNITY CAN BE STABLE UNTIL WE ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS OF YOUTH WITHOUT HOPE.

ENTERPRISE ZONE:

SHOULD BE CREATED TO INVITE BUSINESSES TO RELOCATE IN LOGAN. NOT ONLY TO PROVIDE SERVICES BUT ALSO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES. I ENVISION A MAJOR SUPERMARKET CHAIN, DRUG STORE AND OTHER RELATED BUSINESSES TO MAKE UP THIS ZONE WITH A STRONG EMPHASIS TO ATTRACT MINORITY PARTICIPATION. THIS WOULD PROVIDE AND CREATE A LARGE NUMBER OF JOBS FOR MINORITIES, RESIDENCES AND THE HANDICAPPED TO PARTICIPATE.

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR SUPPORT ON THESE ISSUES AND LOOK FORWARD TO ANY GUIDANCE OR ADVISE THAT YOU CAN GIVE.

THANK YOU,

REV. KERMIT L. NEWKIRK, JR.



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August 30, 1992

Dr. George Gerbner, Dean Emeritus  
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Dear Dr. Gerbner:

Thank you for your valuable support and input at the Public Health Forum on Friday, August 28, 1992.

Enclosed is the introduction to "The Healthy Block Campaign (blueprint for local information projects)" which is a way of summarizing the proceedings to date and pointing the way I will continue my efforts in this regard.

I hope that the Campaign will continue at the Wholistic Health Center operated by Dr. Jackson and Dr. Magruder, who, as herbologist and physician (husband and wife team), are committed to the principles of health and of sound business. It is my good fortune to live in their neighborhood and to have shared activities with them for several years.

My intent is to collect, organize and upgrade the materials I have written or collected in this community over the last thirty years. They reflect many of the conclusions presented in your paper entitled "Second American Revolution" and support the cultural imperatives you articulated Friday.

I would appreciate any suggestions or opinions you may offer to help me find a fellowship or opportunity that would support the documentation and publication of The Healthy Block Campaign as it evolves. Thank you very much.

Peace,

  
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The above persons expressed an interest in further info about  
CULTURAL MOVEMENT especially about children's programs. mlh

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THE HEALTHY BLOCK CAMPAIGN  
(blueprint for local information projects)

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT  
AMERICANS CULTIVATE A DEMOCRATIC MENTALITY  
AS A MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY

THE CULTURAL MOVEMENT

needed in the world today requires that  
all people act now to remake our physical,  
social, and moral environment to counter  
today's famine, cruelty, and inhumanity.

MEDIA

seduces us in all these dimensions.  
Brutality and other injustices  
control the programming which most  
Americans consume as entertainment.

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## THE HEALTHY BLOCK CAMPAIGN

One American committed to a healthy lifestyle is the promise of a healthy block; and one healthy block in our city is the seed of a HEALTHY AMERICA! CULTIVATE A DEMOCRATIC MENTALITY!

- I. TEACH OUR CHILDREN WELL (-NESS) September 1992
- II. LEARN OUR CHILDREN'S VISION
- III. SHARE OUR CHILDREN'S WISDOM
- IV. SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S GROWTH
- V. DEVELOP A COMMON HUMANITY WITH OUR CHILDREN

### PROLOGUE

Community Exchange Center (African American Affirmative)	1966
Degrees of Captivity of Pennsylvania (Support System/Families of Prisoners)	1966
Operation Kinship Broadcast Series (Public Policy analysis-Philadelphia)	1968
Human Services Cooperative of Germantown (People serving each other on a direct exchange of skills and services)	1971
Planning to Heal The Nation (Public Administration Review)	1971
Communication Workshop of Wister (Video instruction during school strike)	1971
Health in the Urbanculture (Sensitivity Quotient as coefficient of Intelligence Quotient)	1971
Urban Communications (Course at Annenberg School, U. of Pa.)	1972
Health Planning for Urban Folk (Feature Newspaper Series - 55 articles)	1973
Health and Sanity Code (Health Care in Prisons et al.)	1975
Norman Rayford Public Health Forum (Urban Coalition Health Task Force)	1991
Norman Rayford Public Health Forum (Annenberg School for Communication)	1992

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and one healthy block in our city  
is the seed of a HEALTHY AMERICA!

As individual human beings we have a potential for healthful growth and development i.e. learning healthy lifestyles.

As households and/or families we have the potential to learn sharing and caring i.e. learning cooperative lifestyles.

As communities and cities we have the potential for creating public standards i.e. constructing rules and regulations for self-governing jurisdictions.

### THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

GLOBAL CIVILIZATION extends the images and messages of capitalism and democracy throughout known human settlements.

America is a major player in the mission of messages.

Stories and images of our culture span the globe in all mediums. Americans are biologically related to citizens of practically every nation on earth. Messages that we embrace here represent many cultures. The messages that are created here represent those cultures plus our influences. Messages that motivate Americans are sometimes new versions of the older ones, sometimes apparent contradictions of older ones, and sometimes we must formulate new messages in our context.

The cultural revolution in America reflects some definitions based upon 'old world-new world' stereotypes and others pointing to new possibilities for us as humanity.

The founders of America and the framers of our governing structures provided openings for us to consider new horizons unfolding in time. In light of new visions, our young nation could examine and act upon new possibilities for humanity.

The fundamental change invoked in the beginning is the relationship between citizens and government. The colonies were settled by citizens of empire whose allegiance was to a monarchy, and whose 'belief-system' respected a particular religion. This nation outlawed the privileged authority of particular religions and established a democratic form of self-government committed to freedom and justice for all.

The economy was built upon traditional interactions in the marketplace. Old world currency dominated until domestic currency could prevail. The gold standard was the basis of international economics until western nations abandoned it.

Sovereign states of the world community developed mechanisms for measuring and exchanging coin of respective realms.

Trade (as a means of economic exchange operative at the international level) remains an administrative function of the private vendors engaged in that trade. Totalitarian states can easily control exchange practices/policies for the entire commercial system of their population. Other nations provide rules and regulations whereby private vendors control commercial exchanges. Government influences via incentives, taxes, and domestic socio-economic practices and policies.

Communism, as a totalitarian form of socio-economics, has been in conflict with capitalism as a hybrid form of socio-economics for the past century. The hybrid is based upon the free markets of the old world, modified by the smart public-private partnerships of the United States government.

Fascism remains a strong third force in socio-economics.

Under the old-world free market system there was no rule against conquering, buying, kidnapping, or annexing human beings as subjects or objects. Some colonialists, in taking captives, made them citizens under their compulsory religion. This included the recognition of the authority of GOD as creator and regulator of all things, the rights of men to establish and own families, households, burgers, fiefdoms, and the rights of kings to govern their subjects and all affairs in their kingdom both public and private. This system enabled kings to become emperors and forced individual men to submit thereto; likewise women, children, serfs and slaves obeyed their owner and his king.

Under the United States hybrid, the slave category of human being was denied the rights of religion. Clearly, there was no requirement of religion permissible under the law. However, the presumption of religion was held by those who wrote the law. And so long as others behaved properly there was no danger of anti-social problems. The law could fully protect society. When the authorities (white males) punished a person who was not covered by the law they erected standards as needed. Included were: 1. witchcraft-faulty behavior of women; 2. rapacious brute-faulty behavior of African men; 3. wanton seductress-faulty behavior of African women; and 4. bad seed-faulty behavior of energetic children.

In this variation of free markets, local authorities and officials controlled those who could (?) not act as their own person under the law. Lack of personhood demeans individuals and possibly influences heredity via predisposition to life-threatening, and other stress related, conditions.

In old-world socio-economic systems, women grew up to know the difference between serving an individual man as

master, and serving the king as national authority. They could distinguish the authority of religion, and of God as more than church-place. In those same systems, men grew up knowing that, as men they must probably govern other human beings in the context of households and businesses. They learned to distinguish terms of their governance from terms whereby they yielded to the authority of kings and nations.

In the American colonial socio-economic system, men and women were thankful to have the military might of their colonial lords and kings to serve their interest in the conquest of lands and natural "owners" of the land. They adapted aspects of court hierarchy in managing their ownership of dependents (including slaves) as personal property.

The civil war related to just such property value and its impact upon the early American economy. Slave labor was an unjust advantage to southern commercialism.

Modern American social systems are still based upon the norms of colonialism. Modern American commercial enterprises are vested with the wealth produced by those norms. American socio-economics of the nineties is chaotic.

The American economy has never been emancipated from the old world empire. The American economy punishes too many American people. American people feel betrayed by this economy. This dilemma effects the nation and its future more critically than debates about foreign vs domestic policy.

The issue is whether capitalism and democracy can be wed while retaining the essence and integrity of both parties.

The essence of capitalism is liquid wealth. The essence of democracy is basic justice. If American wealth will not buy justice for all Americans, then American democracy cannot be marketed/exported/sold abroad as the bride of capitalism.

Some Americans believe that wealth is theirs by virtue of honest labor over time. Some Americans have labored long, hard, and honestly without even a chance of wealth. Wealth in America is a function of legacy, privilege, selfishness, and greed. The issue is no longer between economies, i.e. capitalism vs communism. The issue is between the priorities of America, i.e. unregulated profiteering (old-world free markets) and the DISCIPLINES OF DEMOCRACY (constitutional guarantees of freedom and justice) for all.

THE HEALTHY BLOCK CAMPAIGN is an information program for children designed to introduce this issue before it becomes a life/death decision for them as individual persons.

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Kathleen Hall Jamieson, Dean  
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September 9, 1992

Dear Dean Jamieson:

I was excited and encouraged by your participation with Bill Moyers last night discussing how "America Listens."

Mass media seems more entertaining than informational. Sometimes I think that Nero is trying to fiddle while Rome is burning. Leadership competes with comedians to please us with rhetoric while we, the governed, burn with passion to get on with some critical improvements in our society.

I could be wrong, but I believe that we are in critical times; and that old party loyalties and one word ideologies are expendable. People, although not destitute, are closely enough related to suffering folk as to want matters changed!

Many in our midst are exploited just because they are vulnerable and passive; while those who exploit often are not aware of it. It is built into the bureaucracy at many levels and it is no longer a personal matter of discriminatory acts. Americans are categorically manipulated to conflict with one another. While the rhetoric may still be about poverty, race and status the reality is that individuals move in and out of poverty. It is not a permanent condition. It is also true that many African Americans achieve higher status and reward than some "mainstream" people. We do not know whether those who are promoted as leaders are so because they have overcome greater odds than others, or they are better entertainers, or because they are in an accord with a mainstream powerbroker.

Thank you for your refreshing views; and I look forward to an opportunity to meet you in person.

Peace,

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Mr. Walt Hunter  
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September 14, 1992

Re: TV Story about Care Pavilion

Dear Mr. Hunter:

Thank you for returning my phone call. As a long term health professional. I welcome information about nursing homes and all health issues. Philadelphians certainly need to scrutinize institutional health programs, especially where public funds and public officials are involved.

Changes in health and hospital services are complex and largely hidden from public view; yet they involve life and death issues as your coverage indicates. We need to know; and we need to understand before we can improve matters.

I heard that state officials entered the Care Pavilion Facility and removed certain personnel from their duties and transported them to Harrisburg. Such an unusual approach is disruptive for other workers and for all patients.

I hope that that is not the way it happened. However, I recently learned of a situation where a Director of Nursing was removed from her duties by a new facilities owner who did not permit her to instruct her staff or to say goodbyes.

Health personnel should be respected by officials and by corporate owners. So should patients and others. Whenever suspected of crimes in this society, people are entitled to the presumption of innocence.

In above cases, the actions were by corporate authority or public officials. I am alarmed at this kind of authority.

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Our Health Commissioner reportedly accused an "activist" of "using disadvantaged African Americans to advance his personal political agenda". In another report, Pennsylvania officials took action against some people in a Philadelphia private facility, bypassing municipal health authorities.

The Philadelphia style public-private partnership in the implementation of health policies seems unduly problematic. Communications should not add to the trauma and confusion.

According to recent studies, Nursing Home beds for African Americans in Pennsylvania are less accessible than for others; and those services that are available are of poorer quality than services provided to others.

Reimbursement from the state to nursing homes lags far behind actual billings, causing a chronic cash flow problem. This causes inefficiency and other quality problems. According to Professor David Smith of Temple University, "racial discrimination in access could be alleviated with simple administrative remedies". Some of the quality deficits could be readily minimized or eliminated as well.

Dr. Smith presented this information to a Health Conference sponsored by our legislators early this year.

AIDS is a health issue as is nursing home care. Professional and administrative personnel need not be labeled and punished for being a part of the problem. They should be approached as essential to solutions. City and state officials need to partner with people, and not merely with media and other corporations, to correct our health system. This is about caring and understanding. Health is not a battleground for authorities against workers as it seems now.

I am available to discuss these concerns further.

Sincerely,

Mattie L. Humphrey, RN, Esq.

cc: G. Gerbner, Dean Emeritus  
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### Comments:

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22 July 1994

Ms. Barbara Bodine  
 299 W. Mount Pleasant Avenue  
 Ambler, PA 19002

Dear Ms. Bodine:

Thank you for nominating Ms. Mattie L. Humphrey for a Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations' (PCHR) 1994 Human Rights Award. To complete the nomination of Ms. Humphrey, we would appreciate receiving Ms. Humphrey's resume or biography, and any other support material that you may have such as newspaper articles or support letters.

Kindly be more specific on how Ms. Humphrey has worked for inclusion of citizens and how she has promoted intergroup cooperation. If possible, also specify the dates, location and any other data regarding Ms. Humphrey's service.

Please submit the requested information to: PCHR Human Rights Awards Committee, c/o Jack Fingerma, 34 S. 11th Street, 6th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19107.

Once your support material has been received, your candidate will be given every consideration by the PCHR. I am looking forward to seeing you at the PCHR's 25th Annual Human Rights Awards Luncheon on Monday, October 24, 1994, at 12:00 p.m., at the new Pennsylvania Convention Center, 12th and Arch Street.

Again, thank you for submitting the nomination and in helping to make this year's awards luncheon a success.

Sincerely,

Kevin E. Vaughan  
 Executive Director

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Mattie L. HumphreyAuthor card  
HEALTHY BOCK CAMPAIGN (C)MATTIE L. HUMPHREY, RN/ESQ.  
RESUME : October 1992

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**EDUCATION** J.D. Villanova Law School, 1988  
M.H.A. in Hospital Administration, University of Michigan, School of Business Admin., 1959  
B.S. Nursing, Cath. U. of Amer., Wash, DC 1953  
(RN NYU & Bellevue Hosp. New York, 1948)

**EXECUTIVE** LEGAL CONSULTANT Law Office-Family & Domestic

**and MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE** Producer & Analyst: Health and Health Related Public Affairs Broadcasts, 1968-1991

Project Director: Urban Generalist Curriculum Development, La Salle Urban Study Center 1970

Executive Director: Neighborhood Youth Corps Title I-B Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, Germantown Community Council 1966-1967

Youth Development Coordinator - Ford Foundation Local Agency 1964 to 1966

Hospital Administration: Detroit & Philadelphia 1958 - 1963

Nursing Service Administration: 1953-1958

Public Health Nursing, 1948-1953

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT** Managing Attorney/Mentor: LAW OFFICE & Self help Institute (Community Exchange Center) 1968-now

Planning Director: Human Services Cooperative, Germantown Com. Coun. Health Com. 1968-present

Health Planner: Faculty, Hahneman Medical College 1970-1972

Health Planner: Model Cities, Phila. 1968-1970

Founder/Director, North Phila. Institutes for Youth-Community Exchange Center, 1965-1967

Founder - FRIENDS OF ANGIE BROOKS October 1991

**ACADEMIC** Acting Chairman: Department of Nursing, Delaware State College, Dover, Delaware 1974

Instructor: Annenberg School of Communications, University of Pennsylvania, 1973

Loeb Fellow: Advanced Environ. Studies. Grad. School of Design, Harvard University 1972-1973

Independent Fellow: The Sensitivity Quotient, Soc. for Health and Human Values, Phila., 1974

Adjunct Faculty: Hahneman Medical College, Philadelphia, 1970 to 1972  
Adjunct Faculty: Lincoln University Master's Program in Human Services, at intervals  
Adjunct Faculty: Urban Study Center, La Salle University, Philadelphia, 1968 to 1973  
Adjunct Faculty: Urban Study Center, Wayne State University, Detroit, 1968 to 1974  
Lecturer: Temple University, Urban Development and related projects, 1965 to present

**SERVICE**

Board Member, Mercy Douglass Human Resources Center, appointed by Governor Shapp  
Member, Pa. Task Force on Health in Prisons, app. by Com. of H. Dr. Bachman, 1973 to 1975  
Member, Prof. Standards Review Organization app. by Sec'y of H.E.W. Califano, 1972  
Member, Pa. Committee on Science and Technology, Cable Television Research Group, 1972  
Member, National Urban Coalition, Health Task Force, Washington, D.C. 1969  
Member, Bishop John Hines Urban Support Group 1968-1973 Episcopal Church, New York City  
Member, Medical Committee for Human Rights Executive Vice President, 1972

**MEMBERSHIP**

Pennsylvania Bar Association Supreme Ct # 53091  
American Bar Association 1987-present  
The American Association of Nurse Attorneys  
International Academy of Law and Social Medicine  
Belgium (voted in by London Convention, 1989)  
Professional Nurse RN-147965-L Pennsylvania  
International Who's Who of Professional and Business Women, First Ed., 1989, Cambridge, Eng.  
Distinguished Service Medal for Community Service, American Legion Dept. Pennsylvania, 1974  
OURSTORY, Family Heritage Series, 1983 - present  
Born Again American: A Values Imperative, 1985  
Health & Sanity Cbde for Institutions, 1975  
Gospel of Nursing, Vocational Imperative 1975  
Baccalaureate Program in Nursing, Del. St. Col.  
Framing a Metropolitan Health System, 1973  
Health Planning for Urban Folk, Feature Series, Phila. Tribune, 1973-1974

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 LICENSURE  
 LISTED IN

RECIPIENT

AUTHOR

Planning to Heal the Nation-Public Admin. Review  
May/June 1971, Soc. Pol. Association, New York  
Health Assumptions & Imperatives, 1968  
Length of Patient Stay in a County Gen. Hosp.  
Univ. of Mich, Sc. of Bus. Admin. 1959  
 LAWS OF BUREAUCRACY (Pamphlets) May 1991  
 The Trickle Up Theory - To U.S. Congress of 1993

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August 23, 1994

PCHR Human Rights Award Committee  
c/o Mr. Jack Fingerman  
34 S. 11th Street, 6th Floor  
Philadelphia, Pa., 19107

Dear Mr. Fingerman:

I am pleased to support the nomination of Ms. Mattie L. Humphrey for the PCHR 1994 Human Rights Award.

Ever since I invited Ms. Humphrey to teach a course in Community Communication at the The Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, which she did with great success in 1973, I have been following her activities with great interest and admiration. After a life-long struggle for human rights and dignity, she is the best qualified person I know to receive this award in 1994.

Please call me if you need any further information.

Sincerely yours,



George Gerbner  
Professor and Dean Emeritus