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maison Fouil
Algérie

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c. Bin-Fideles le 3 Septembre 1966
MOHAMED BENCHERIF ^E
c. 6) ^{LS}
c. Madame Thomson Palais
De la Maison Blanche

Madame

Je vous demande la permission de vous exposer
Respectueusement, il y a quatre ans que je suis
malade d'une maladie qui est guérissable, de la
Tuberculose, me trouvant sans argent, sans docteur, sans
Hôpitaux en algérie, me voici avec mes quatre enfants
dans la plus affreuse douleur, et dans la plus cruelle
misère, votre générosité madame inépuisable si connue
dans le monde, nous recourons à votre charité un secours
nous aidant à faire face, nous avons aucune ressource,
confiant à votre bonté daignerez vous m'accorder madame
votre appui et celui de Dieu qui vous aidera.
Je vous prie de croire madame à l'assurance de mes
sentiments respectueux et reconnaissants.

(Bencherif)

McGRAW-HILL BOOK COMPANY, INC.

330 WEST FORTY-SECOND STREET, NEW YORK 36, NEW YORK

971- 2041

(Area Code 212)

Whittlesey House Books for Young People

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December 17, 1963

Dear Mr. Salinger:

I know Morrie Helitzer has already expressed appreciation for your help in getting Mrs. Johnson's foreword for Peter Benchley's picture book, JONATHAN VISITS THE WHITE HOUSE, but I want to add my thanks. It was most generous of you in the midst of sorrow and chaos to take care of this for us.

Perhaps later on, Mrs. Kennedy may even be willing to think again about a children's book of her own authorship. It need not be a collection, of course, and she might prefer something entirely her own. I think whatever she might do in this direction, she would look to you for advice, and I hope you will keep in mind our great interest.

As soon as we have bound copies of JONATHAN, we will send several to you. I thought both Mrs. Kennedy and Mrs. Johnson might like copies and I have ordered specially bound copies for them.

Again our thanks,

Sincerely,

Helene Fraye

Mr. Pierre Salinger
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

GENERAL

25-5

REFERRAL

ND17/K0312/ND9
ND9/5

To: Mr. John Steadman
DOD

Date: 25 November 1966

ND9/5

ACTION REQUESTED

- ☐ Draft reply for:
- ☐ President's signature.
- ☐ Undersigned's signature.
- ☐ Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- ☒ Direct reply.
- ☐ Furnish information copy.
- ☐ Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- ☐ Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- ☐ For your information.
- ☐ For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

REMARKS:

Received White House 23 Nov 66
sReceived Armed Forces Aide 25 Nov 66

Description:

Janice M. Sosko

XX Letter: ☐ Telegram: ☐ Other: ☐

M. A. MAS. SYLVESTER BENCH

To: The President *

From: Cpl. Michael J. Sosko, Force Logistic Support Group - Bravo; Maint. Co., Hq
Date: 18 Nov 66 X
Section, FEO 96602, San Francisco

Subject: He is serving in Vietnam. His wife is serving with the Marine Corps at Parris Island, S. C. She has requested a hardship discharge because her mother is in ill health. He is asking that his wife be given a hardship discharge as she is needed at home more than she is needed at Parris Island.

By direction of the President:

JAMES U. CROSS
Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Air Force
Armed Forces Aide to the President

(White House File Copy)

PE12
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GENERAL

THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF HOOD COLLEGE
FREDERICK, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

News Affairs

1, D. C. not later than
ships are awarded for
June 30 year, not for

November 14, 1964

Mr. Eric F. Goldman
Special Consultant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Goldman:

X For your information I enclose a page from our current
Hood College Bulletin in which I reported the announcement
of the White House Fellows program. The program sounds most
interesting and I am sure it will be very successful.

With all good wishes to you,

Cordially,

Betty Benchoff
Betty Benchoff

Enclosure 1

Entrance Examination
college education or
Federal Service En-
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obtained from college
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nces Culler Fales '43),
Nicholas Wissler '33),
z Fox '36), Ellen Dietz
35), and Betsy Kern

Women. 50 fellowships are available to American
women who hold the doctorate or its equivalent
in scholarly achievement, or who will have ful-
filled all requirements for the doctorate, except
the dissertation, by May 1, 1965. There are no
restrictions as to field of work except that awards
are not made in the creative or performing arts,
or for the taking of course work. For information
please write to Fellowships Office, 2401 Virginia

Hood Clubs Contribute to Matching Fund

In addition to its contribution to the annual
Loyalty Fund, the Hood Club of South Jersey
joined six other clubs in contributing to the
Matching Fund last year. The other clubs are
Philadelphia, Pottstown, Rochester, Greensburg,
Harrisburg and Lancaster.

REC'D DEC 12 '66

SENT DEC 15 '66

129 Lyon Place
Lynbrook New York 11563
December 8, 1966

The President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am very glad that you recovered from your recent operation. I was impatiently waiting for the news of your health.

I have agreed with all of your decisions. I think you are one of our most intelligent presidents. It must be a great responsibility to be President of the United States. I hope you live many more years and make many more great decisions.

Yours very truly,

Michael Kencivenga

The White House
Washington

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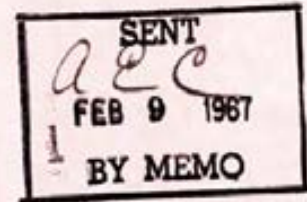
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE INSIST CANCELLATION OF HIGHLY-VENTING ATOMIC TESTS
SO AS NOT TO JEOPARDIZE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY

MR AND MRS SAUL BEN-CZEEV 5438 SOUTH HARPER CHICAGO ILL.



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Respectfully returned to
Department of State

JAN 12 1967

January 5, 1967

456090 Kamehame St.

Kamehame

Oahu 96744

Hawaii

To the President of the U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President,

I am horrified at the way this country is taking for granted it knows best how every country should conduct itself.

What makes you think we are the only people who know how the world should go? Haven't we made shocking mistakes? How about the way we have treated the Indians and the Eskimos and still neglect them.

Have you ever stopped to think how you would feel if some other country treated us like we are treating Vietnam? Wouldn't we be up in arms at these atrocious acts if they were done by other countries - Why do you continue?

most sincerely -

BENCH

(Mrs) Helen Crystal Bench

JAN 25 1967

agents, that is an answer to
war on poverty.

I've written to Senator Kennedy and
Congressman Ottinger, about increasing
social security to the Widow, Widower
& all Senior Citizens to must survive
on social security benefits

I know you have your shoulders
heavily burdened

but with the help of God you will
have strength to overflowing.

The Lord gives you the strength, because
He is your strength.

I pray everyday for my President
and for my country, and for all
who are helping to make America
free. I am 66 years of age, I cannot
defend my country is going to Vietnam
but God knows ^{and helps} my everyday prayer.

May the Lord bless you, Mrs Johnson
and your lovely daughters, Luci &
Lynda.

Sincerely
Theresa Benavidez

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HFW

Jan 23/67
6 Belvedere Rd
M.D. Beacon N.Y.
12508
Co Carola

Dear President Johnson,

allow me to
introduce myself, Mrs Theresa Bencivenga
Widow, Mother's Grandmother.

Reading the papers about increasing
social security benefits, please do
not forget the Widow, Widower,
senior citizens, who live completely
on social security.

It is very hard to manage to survive
on it unless you get a Widow or
Veterans pension as some do
but, in my case I have to wear a
hearing aid plus batteries & repairs
as hearing-aids are not covered
under Medicare; I am unable
to work on account of my hearing.

I hope that you will bring to the
attention of Congress, as raising
social security a little more.
to the Widow, Widower, all senior

Joe

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 28, 1967
1:05 p.m.

forget it

Mr. Kintner:

A lady called from NEWSWEEK (did not identify herself) to inquire as to when Mr. Benchley started work and where (or whose office) he would be assigned to. I requested she hold with me a moment while I could check on her inquiry.

I dialed Charles on another line to see if we had released any info. re Benchley and he advised we had not and not to give our any info on him. Tell lady that we had nothing on him and suggest that if she wished any info to contact Benchley personally.

I told the lady the above info and she wanted me to check with you and see if you had any info to give her. I said I would be checking with you later in the day and she said she would call back in the afternoon. But I, again, stressed that if she wished any info to contact Benchley direct. She said she understood that he was to start working within a day or so and inquired as to whether I thought the WH operators would have anything on it. I said I was unable to advise her as to what knowledge the operators might have. She said she would call back.

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EXECUTIVE ④

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EXECUTIVE

November 17, 1966
10:15 a.m. Thursday

FG-11-8-1
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FG-295

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JOHN MACY

As you know, in connection with our "research staff" to prepare material for Presidential speeches, etc., we expect Bill Schoen to return to Ford. I am discussing with Marvin Watson, as I told you, the possibility of keeping John McNulty.

We are looking for a crack copy editor who could review, finally, all of the President's material. While we have certain lines out for people, perhaps you could give us some recommendations.

In addition, I should appreciate if you would give me your judgment on Peter Benchley of Newsweek as a possible writer.

Robert E. Kintner

REK:ny

Undecided TO:

Marvin Watson
Lake Success

March 1, 1967

EXECUTIVE
PR 6-1/B
AUTOGRAF FILE 1/B

Mr. President:

Would you like to autograph:

" To Peter Benchley
With best wishes, LBJ"

(new member of speech writer staff)

yb

measure to
autograph

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

March 1, 1967

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Peter Benchley
The White House

Sent: March 2, 1967

#22 FE 67A-3721-26

To Peter Benchley
With best wishes - Lyndon B. Johnson

November 23, 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR JOHN MACY

We are trying to get by Monday a message for the President re the writer -- research group. I wonder if your people could have by that time a feel on whether Peter Benchley was acceptable and also the salary range.

Robert E. Kintner

REK:ejf

February 10, 1967

EXECUTIVE

FG 11-8-1

Dear Peter:

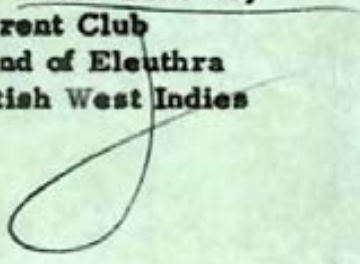
While the appointment is not definite, the President would like to see you before you begin work. When you return from the Bahamas, which I understand will be February 20, would you please call Jim Jones, one of the President's appointment secretaries on the possibility of an appointment with the President at 6:00 p.m. on February 22nd.

I hope to see you at the same time. I hope you are having a nice vacation. We of course are anxious to have you here at the White House and I am delighted we could work out appropriate arrangements.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Kintner
Secretary to the Cabinet
and Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Peter Benchley
Current Club
Island of Eleuthra
British West Indies

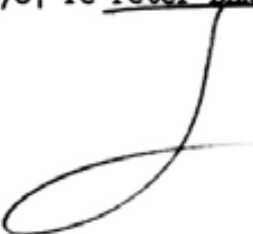


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FILE MEMO:
3/8/67

SEE: C.F. FG 11-8 for corres. 2/27/67 re Peter BENCHLEY, Harry MIDDLETON, Bill SCHOEN and
Walter COYNE.



EXECUTIVE

WHG-1/B*

February 3, 1967
5:00 p.m. Friday

MEMORANDUM FOR GEORGE CHRISTIAN

Mr. Claude Koprowski of the Washington Post called me about the employment of Peter Benchley who is coming into the writing-research group. He seemed to make it very mysterious.

Since it had already been printed in Variety, I told him that Benchley was coming into the White House to do some research work (I avoided the use of the term writer) and that he would begin on March 1 and that he had no title.

Robert E. Kintner

REK:ny

November 10, 1966

Dear Peter:

Thank you for the resume' of your published materials. I have forwarded it to John Macy.

I admire the neatness of your timing in postponing your illness until your return to New York -- though I hope your visit here did not encourage the bug to strike.

Get well soon. I will be in touch.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Kintner
Secretary to the Cabinet
and Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Peter Benchley
Newsweek
444 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

CMM:gt

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MAR 17 1967

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Bencze, Jr.
4616 Buchanan Street
Gary, Indiana.....46408

HEW
Mr. President:

We present our case to you.....a man among men. We are only the little people in our great American society of today, but we are the people of the United States of America.

Our positions are not that of leaders. Our occupations are not that of Kings. Our father is God.....Our mother is Mary. Our birthplace....Heaven! Our future.....nary! Our voices have been neglected. Our pleas have not been acknowledged, for we are of the poverty-stricken class of people.

Our pockets do not bulge with gain. Our income totals that of a pauper. Our debts consume the entire amount. Our home is up for sale in hope of a new start in life. Our lives are not lived for self-satisfaction, but for our children. We have two. One boy and one girl. Our daughter is married. We now are alone.

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Our case is that of our son, Alex Bencze. Alex is 16 years of age. At the age of 15, he was adjoined in a theft account with a certain Ronald Newirth. Ronald being 18 years of age.

Alex was tried and sentenced in January of 1967 through Juvenile Court to the Indiana Youth Center at Indiana Boy's School in Plainfield, Indiana. Ronald Newirth was tried and sentenced through Criminal Court, for this was not his first offense in robbery, to Greencastle, Indiana.

Before Ronald Newirth's sentence was served fully, he wrote a letter to Governor Branigin (Governor of Illinois) and requested freedom. Upon doing so, he was fully pardoned.

We have written the Governor three times for our son's pardon as well. My daughter has written once. Her husband has done the same. Our son has also written him. We have heard nothing. Our prayers go unanswered. You are our last hope for justice.

We ask...."Can it be possible that our son, Alex Bencze, is to carry the full sentence of this crime in his heart for the wrong-doings of two?" Is this what our great American society of today calls "JUSTICE?" One is released, free to walk the streets while the other pays for both their crime.

A young boy's mind can be twisted and molded from the teachings of our leaders and parents. Our son writes us and asks Why? Why was he chosen to inherit the bitter parts of life? Is it because he is not important? Is it because justice is only meant for some and not others? My philosophy is "Be he white or be he black.....be he rich in wealth or rich in heart.....Under God, be they brothers!" But, alas, our philosophy of life does not hold true.

Our son has well learned his lesson. His letters show his true face. He is but a boy praying for freedom and acknowledgement. Begging for the same chance in life that Ronald

Neuwirth was given.

The scales of justice are supposed to balance equally. Our son, so far, has learned they do not. Please do not let his mind grow twisted. For Justice and Freedom are the very backbones of our great "America."

We now ask of you, a leader who can destroy or strengthen this young boy's mind and life. Please give him the chance Ron was given. Issue him a pardon as well.

We have presented our case and stated the facts. May our voices be heard and our prayers answered, for we are the people of the United States of America.

Thank you for your time,

Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Frey Jr.

EXECUTIVE

WHL-1/5*

February 3, 1967
5:30 p.m. Friday

MEMORANDUM FOR MARVIN WATSON

*
Peter Benchley, who is a writer, has been investigated and has been cleared. Mr. Macy reports that he will be at work on March 1.

I should appreciate if at that time appropriate provision can be made for an office, etc.

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Robert E. Kintner

CC: Bill Hopkins
Charles Maguire

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February 22, 1967
Wednesday - 12 noon

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PR8-1/BX

MR. PRESIDENT:

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You have a date at 6:00 p.m. with Peter Benchley who has been employed, effective March 1, as a research-writer. Mr. Benchley is from the very distinguished writing family of Robert Benchley who is his grandfather and Nathaniel Benchley who is his father. He will be 27-years old in May.

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His last job was Editor of the Radio and Television Department of Newsweek. He felt that he was stymied there and wanted advancement within the company which he could not get because the jobs of the key executive editors over him were all filled. Since I had known him slightly, as President of NBC, he approached me to help him get a job in the government and said he was interested in the research-writer field. The radio and television section of Newsweek was always well-written, and my chat with Kay Graham and Lester Bernstein, one of the editors of Newsweek, was favorable. We did not "take" him away from Newsweek. He quit voluntarily and Kay recommended him to Mac Bundy for a job but he was more interested in the government than in a foundation, although I don't know whether Mac finally offered him a job.

He is somewhat shy, diffident, and young but I believe he could be developed well. Previous to working for Newsweek, he worked for the Washington Post as a special assignment reporter.

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He was educated at Phillips Exeter and Harvard 1961. He has written articles for Holiday, The New Yorker, Diplomat, Vogue, TV Guide and two books - "Jonathan Visits the White House" and "Time and a Ticket." He speaks and reads French well and Italian fair. For one year he traveled extensively throughout Europe, the Middle East, Far East for educational purposes.

Both John Macy and I interviewed him and were impressed by him. John Macy has had him investigated and I understand he is cleared. He served for a period in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserves.

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REK:ny

President Johnson cordially invites you to the White House on Monday, May 1, 1967, at 12:00 noon, to attend the swearing-in ceremony for Miss Betty Furness, Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs.

Please present this telegram at 11:45 A.M. on Monday at the Northwest Gate of the White House.

Would you please confirm your attendance by return wire.

W. Marvin Watson

Special Asst. to the President.

BENCHLEY, Nathaniel, NYC	BUCHANAN, Bessie, NYC
CRICHTON, Robert, NYC	BURDON, George, United Rubber Cork
CRONKITE, Walter, NYC	Linoleum and Plastic Workers of Am.
LEDERER, Charles, Malibu, Calif.	BURSTON, William, Natl Retail Merchants
MIDGLEY, Leslie, Tackahoe, NY	BYMERS, Gwen J., N.Y. State College of
MILLER, Alice, NYC	Home Economics, Cornell University
SCHANZER, Beverly, NYC.	CAMBELL, Persia, Flushing, N.Y.
SNYDER, Denton, Northampton, Mass.	CANOYER, Helen G., Cornell University,
HURLEY, Jack, Center Sandwich, New Hampshire	N.Y. State College of Home Economics
McQUADE, John, Moultonboro, N. Hamp.	CAPLOVITZ, David, Columbia University
ROLL, Lyle, Battle Creek, Mich.	CAREY, Booth, Arrow Company
FLEMING, Deryl, Battle Creek, Mich.	CARLTON, Winslow, Natl Fed of Settlements
ABEL, I.W., United Steelworkers of America	& Neighborhood Centers
ALEXANDER, Sadie T., Juniper, Pa.	CHAUCER, Daniel, Macy & Co. Inc.
ALGAZE, Julia, NYC.	CASEY, James J., Hartford, Conn.
ALLPORT, Peter W., Assn. of Natl Advertiser	CHRISTENSEN, Ethlyn, Young Womens
AUSTIN, Dorothy, Cleve.	Christian Assn.
BAKER, Frederick E., Seattle, Wash.	CLAIR, John P., Bsn
ARON, Jerome, Natl Assn of Daytime Dress	CLAYTOR, Robert W., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Manufacturers	COBRIN, Harry A., Clothing Manufacturers
BARRETT, Roger S., Chicago, Ill.	of USA
BARTON, Robert, Oakland, Calif.	COLIHAN, William F., Jr., NYC
BATTEN, William M., J.C. Penney Company	COLLETT, Hugh, American Assn. of Advert.
BAUMGART, Guenther, Assn. of Home	ing Agencies
Appliance Manufacturers	CLEVELAND, Frank, Ohio Consumers Assn.
BELL, Pearl, Natl Housewives League of	COLWELL, B. Joe, Austin, Tex.
America	COOK, C.W., General Foods Corp.
BICKMORE, Lee S., Nabisco	COWDEN, Howard A., Nationwide Ins.
BILLINGSLEY, Kirby, American Public Power	CREWS, CECIL, Michigan Credit Union
Assn.	CRICHTON, John, American Assn. of Advert-
BIVENS, Gordon, University of Wisc.	ising Agencies Inc.
BLAIR, Joseph, Columbus, Ohio	CURRAN, Barbara, American Bar Foundation
BLAKE, William H., Internatl Consumer Credit	
Assn.	CURRAN, Joseph, Natl Maritime Union
BIESDORF, Heinz, Cornell University	CONNERS, James, Harrisburg, Pa.
BIRNBAUM, Hilde, Wash. Committee on	DALE, Robert, Cluett Peabody & Co., Inc.
Consumer Interests	HANDY, Jaunita, Providence, R.I.
BOND, Edward, Young & Rubicam	DANA, Margaret, Doylestown, Pa.
BORDEN, David, NYC	DEANDRADE, Anthony J., Internatl Printing
BRANDOW, G.E., Penn. State University	Pressment and Assistants Union of Am.
BRADY, Dorothy, University of Pa.	DECHANT, Tony, Natl Farmers Union
BROOKS, Thomas M., Storrs, Conn.	DEMOULIN, Patty, Dvr.
BRYANT, Agnes, Det.	DEUTSCH, Arnold R., Deutsch and Shea Inc.
BRYANT, Marion E., Natl Assn of Negro	DICKERSON, Reed, Indiana University Law
Business and Professional Womens	School
Clubs Inc.	DOLAN, Robert, Madison, Wisc.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1967
1:30 p.m., Wednesday

MR. KINTNER:

Attached is Peter Benchley's draft
of Congressional testimony by Betty
Furness. I thought you might like to
glance through it -- it strikes me as a
good job.

This is still subject to review by
Betty Furness and Joe Califano.

Charles Maguire



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that fires in the home pose a huge problem. Each year, a million
people are seriously burned in the home. A hundred and fifty
thousand of these burns are from clothing fires. Two to three

May 10, 1967

Dear Mr. Bencivenga:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter, and assure you that your comments have been fully noted.

Since the Star-Spangled Banner was designated our National Anthem by Act of Congress, any change would require further Congressional action.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. Thomas A. Bencivenga
60-11 213th Street
Bayside, New York

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60-11 213th Street
Bayside 64, New York
April 20, 1967

Handwritten: 5/10
C/S-2
Honorable L. B. Johnson
President of U. S. A.
Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:

Over a century ago our National Anthem was originated and written by Francis Scott Key. Since then and now things have changed for the better. The United States, our country, is the leading nation in the world and therefore, we are in no position to ask questions, but we help and give orders to all nations for humanity and peace for all.

A suggestion I would like to make and with your approval is on this particular one line of our National Anthem. This is the line which should be revised omitting:

"Does" and "Yet" and replaced by these two words with "Let" and "And"

The line should be sung:

"O say "Let" that Star Spangled Banner "And" wave ov'r the land of the free, and the home of the brave."

I hope this will meet with your approval, as the added two words, will show more strength to the song and to our National Anthem and our Country.

It is a disgraceful sight to read and see that our flag is being spit at, tampered with, torn to bits, and also burned by these un-American beatniks.

yours truly,

Handwritten signature: Thomas A. Bencivenga
Thomas A. Bencivenga
American Citizen

Handwritten list of names:
H. H. Humphrey V. P. Pres
R. L. Rust. Sec. 9th
J. W. Fulbright
B. Goldwater
R. Russell
A. R. Rife
H. Williams
C. C. Case
R. Kennedy

Handwritten note: Jack Smith
E. A. Stearns

America and the world rests on your shoulders
and other nations must obey you will
regardless of the misery caused to the
poor families and the mothers who are
losing their sons ten thousand miles
from home where countries are made
desolate by the military might at your
command. You give them a choice of
one year in Vietnam or five years in
prison and tell them we fighting for
the oppressed. You have created hate
in every capital of the world, you
continue to expand this war closer and
closer to peace loving nations whose
combined strength could more than
overpower every instillation America
has on foreign soil and destroy
our boys in a very few days.
Another Pearl Harbor could trigger
anarchy in America and a horrible
end for those thought responsible.

Frank Beachy

President Johnson 2017 M. L. S. Pa. 15218
Whitehouse D.C.

May 24, 1967

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This is not war in Vietnam it's murder of our boys, now the middle east or any place in the world you will send our boys to die because they are friends of yours, regardless of the unbearable conditions under which people live similar to the future of boys with poor parents in America, unfortunate innocent American boys and many of their parents are the victims of a profit greedy economic system that has not been properly regulated by a government manned with mentally illegitimate political misfits who lack human compassion. These unfortunate boys are considered expendable to the future of the Great Society of America. They and they alone will be the cannon fodder to be used where ever you believe they can die to impose your will on other nations at the expense of their lives. You pretend the freedom of

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 23, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: MR. MANATOS

RE: George Bencraft

Waiting for bio. (Approved for Collector of Customs, Memphis, Tennessee. Endorsed by Senators Gore and Walters).

Have notified Treasury he is to be appointed - but must have full bio background.


Dorothy Davies

3/13

called D.D. office told
them we had sent bio.
checked Jean Rennie - she
corded 3/15

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Nothing else sent to
Central Files as of

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Gore

March 16, 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR

Dorothy Davies

Senators Gore and Walters have recommended
a Mr. George Bencraft of Brownsville, Tenn.,
to be Collector of Customs at Memphis.
Apparently Larry O'Brien acknowledged letter.

Mike Manatos

MM/ac

cc: Larry O'Brien

ent 7/27/67

8024 Gtn. Ave
Philadelphia, Pa. 19118
July 19, 1967

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am going to be eleven yrs. old and I've been wanting a dog for a long long time. My mom would never get me one, because she would ~~says~~ always say they were too messy, so I thought maybe if I wrote to you, you might know someone who had a little black scottie pup. And maybe you could tell them about me. I'm shore if I got a dog from you or someone you knew my mom could never say no. Just incase you wouldn't know of anyone, maybe Mrs. Johnson might know someone. If I got a scottie pup I would be a very happy girl.

Mr. President I know you are very busy with very important things to do, and I guess you think this is a silly letter. But it is very important to me. I hope you could find just a few minutes some day soon, to let me know if there is anything you can do for me. I have about five dollars, and incase it cost any more you can let me know.

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If I should be lucky enough to get a
black scottie I would take very good care of
it and I would take pictures of it and
send them to you. I sure hope I hear from
you soon. And if I don't hear from you
soon, I'll understand because I know
you're very busy.

Thank you.

Marianne Bencivengo
8024 Germantown Ave.
Phila. [18] Pa 19118

Phone CH 8-2420

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Restore P.O. Funds
Pro: Tax increase
Pro: Retention of C.R. Prog.

Dec. 15, 1966.

President Lyndon B. Johnson

White House

Wash. D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

c/s 2

Again I write you expressing my views. I don't think you ever see any of my letters, but should you I would greatly appreciate hearing from you personally. I am including a cartoon that appeared in the Wash. newspaper. One picture is worth a thousand words. Don't you be taken in by the recent elections. I believe the two main reasons for the Republican victory was one the war. Nobody likes war and I know you don't. The other reason is the negro backlash. Nobody, white, Chinese, Italian, Greek likes to be told where they can or can't live. This is a personal and private choice they have to make. But my advice as to the future is still have your same program. Don't let the Republicans or large corporations make your budget. They just want to avoid tax increases. They haven't changed. Your program makes jobs and gives people money, they in turn spend it and keep business going. I advise you to suggest a corporate tax increase and a modest to individuals. There is no reason they should profit by the war and not pay taxes on that profit. Thanking you. I remain.

Respectfully yours,

Beneheart

Carl Fred Beneheart
GRANADA DR.
7700 Granada Drive
Bethesda, Md (20014)

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Great Society Expectations



December 21, 1966

Dear Mr. Benchert:

Thank you for your letter to President Johnson. Your interest in letting him have the benefit of your views and comments on the economic affairs of our country is appreciated, and I can assure you that they have been carefully noted.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. Carl F. Benchert
7700 Granada Drive
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

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Mr

feeling toward you as a man, only as a politician or any politician who doesn't do a good job. If you need help you ought to call in a crime fighter who has devoted all his life to crime Mr J. Edgar Hoover of the F.B.I. and listen to him. I know you will never read this letter but if you should I would appreciate hearing your side.

Respectfully Benichert
Carl F. Benichert
7700 Grandview
Beltsville, Md (20034)

P.S. I think one thing: these riots, looting, burning is showing them up for what they are. I also don't like the "Nazi" Mr. Rockwell either, he belongs in prison or deported out of this country. What is this country coming to???

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Justice

C/S 20

July 25, 1967.

President of the U.S.A.
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson: *Rev. filed in W.H.*

I have written you on several occasions offering advice, I never have received any letter from you only from your assistants, you probably never have read any of my letters, which I can understand. You have certainly lost my vote and anyone or everyone I can influence. The recent riots have made a person afraid that their children to go anywhere but in their own neighborhood, riding to and from work is dangerous. I ask myself why in this once great country has things come to this. The answer isn't poverty, the answer is mostly political, by that I mean every politician wants to keep everyone fed. Bishop Sheen on a T.V. program hit the nail on the head when he said the law protects the criminal not the victim. You as a leader must call upon Congress to put tough laws on the books, build prison just people who don't want to conform to the U.S.A. way of life. Birth control, illegitimate child, the mother should be sterile after the second child. I am not a Teabaght dove but President Kennedy would have handled the Vietnam war far better than its being handled

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would have handled the Vietnam war far better than its being handled
today. Mr. President forget about being reelected and work for the
common sense good of the mass majority of citizens. We have taken
prayer out of schools because a handful less than 1% of the population
didn't want prayers. We have taken God out of courts, next it
will be to take it off our currency and what next no one knows.
Radicals run the country. This will all backlash and put you
and your kind politicians right out of office, just wait and see.
I know you have a tough job but use good common sense and
you will come up with the right decisions. I hope no ill

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July 31 1967

Honorable President L B Johnson
White House
Washington DC

Justice

Dear Mr. President,

This short letter is just to let you know the way I feel about the increasing number and intensity of racial riots in this country.

Reading the New York Times dated July 29 there is an item that made me write this letter, they claim that Congress did not receive as many letters about the riots as they expected. Let me add mine to the list.

I think that for every letter you receive there must be about twenty people who felt like writing was actually never did. Let's make no mistakes about it, Riots are the only topic of conversation today and most people are talking about when the authorities are going to put a stop to the looting and arson. It does not make any difference whether it is the City or the State or the Federal Government who does it.

I am white, born in Argentina, American citizen by conviction only, married to an American girl and consider myself liberal in most cases, support most of the Supreme Court decisions in civil liberties but I can't support any riots. The main reason why I decided to be and became an American citizen was because I was tired of living in South America outside the rule of Law, if you people do not put a stop to all this looting and arson the Latin American revolutions are going to look like peanuts compared with what can happen here. Another thing: No matter how many speeches you make and how many times you pray, the problem is not going to be solved until the white people of this country agree to sell houses to negroes in their own neighborhood and do not move out as soon as a negro moves in..

I support the President in Viet Nam, but if we are going to win in Viet Nam and lost the war at home it does not make any sense.

I am sending to you this letter because I voted for you and think that you should hear my views in matters of importance.

Thank you very much

Samuel Benchimol

Samuel Benchimol
89-17 190th Street
Hollis New York 11423

July 31, 1967
12:30 p.m.

MEMORANDUM FOR PETER BENCHLEY

FROM: Tom Johnson

George says he would like for you to re-establish your contacts with the networks and help us out per the attached memorandum.

Attachment Benchley's memo to Tom dated July 18.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 24, 1967

FOR GEORGE CHRISTIAN

FYI

Tom

Tom - full bench
I would like for him
to re-establish his
contacts + help us out
on this by.

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Thurs
AUG 14 1967

334 South 1300 East
Salt Lake City, Utah 84102
August 7, 1967

President Lyndon B. Johnson
Senator Wallace F. Bennett
Senator Frank E. Moss
Congressman Lawrence Burton
Congressman Sherman Lloyd

Most Honorable Gentlemen:

What I would say to one I would say to all, therefore this same letter is addressed to all of you.

I can in no way agree with the President's proposed 10 percent income tax surcharge. Realizing that I am just John Q. Public and not in possession of all the facts it will be easy for you to disregard my sentiments with "he's unqualified because he doesn't know the facts." To this I simply retort that since Mr. Johnson has been in the White House who has had the facts?

We hear the pro and con discussion with regard to debt. Some debt is necessary, but debt as a way of life is basically unsound. Debt has become a way of life in the United States and has gotten out of hand—privately and in government. It would be marvelous if I, on a \$10,000 a year job, could decide that I wanted to spend \$150,000 per year and thus go to my employer and tell him that I wanted him to raise my wages to cover my desire to spend. But I can't, and yet Mr. Johnson thinks he is privileged in this regard and can go to his employer (the people of the United States) and not ask, but tell them that they have to give him more money because he doesn't have the intestinal fortitude to live within a budget which is determined by his income. In any normal spending situation a decision has to be made, but Mr. Johnson doesn't make a decision about priority spending—he just spends for everything. He's been spending billions a year on poverty which has not solved one ghetto problem. Mr. Johnson's approach to the whole problem reminds me of a man walking around with a bushel basket over his head.

Needless to say I'm fed up with what's going on in Washington, D.C. I think it's time for a drastic change. I'm willing to work day and night for a drastic change. By this I mean that when election time rolls around in 1968 I'm going to be ACTIVELY campaigning FOR men who voted against the 10 percent individual income tax surcharge, and campaigning AGAINST LYndon B. Johnson and any member of Congress who votes for the 10 percent tax surcharge.

Mr. Johnson has affronted my intelligence, integrity and character too long. A change must be made.

Sincerely,

J. Gerald Lerch

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 14, 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

FROM: George Christian *gc*

The following is a report from ^xPeter Benchley, whom I have asked to make an independent appraisal of television news coverage. Benchley has good contacts with the television news people in New York, and unless you disapprove I am asking him to re-establish these associations in addition to his regular duties.

Herewith is his initial report:

As we discussed at the beginning of the week, I've been monitoring the network news broadcasts. Below, for your information, are a few comments on the first week's perusal. I gave ABC short shrift for two reasons: 1) you said you felt they are doing a reasonably objective job, so I thought I'd concentrate on the other two, which tend to offend. 2) I was limited to one set, as you know, and had to choose between ^xNBC and ^xABC at night.

Granting that this has been a tough week for the Administration on Vietnam, ^xCBS and NBC still did little to balance their broadcasts. On Wednesday, for instance, when the thunder came from the right (Thurmond, Stennis, Ford) NBC interviewed no friendly ~~Congressmen~~ and offered no Administration rebuttal. They claimed the White House was silent, which you would know better than I. CBS offered neither rebuttal nor explanation.

On Tuesday, CBS showed the liberal opposition to the war, and then broadcast a very fatalistic film about the slow war of attrition, which, they implied, ~~no one will win~~. That was a dark day, and if I had been a foreign observer, I would have concluded that the United States is a monarchy -- ~~run by one man in defiance of an angry but ineffectual Congress~~.

There was one exception to the rule of lazy coverage. On Friday, when the storm broke about corruption in the Vietnamese elections, CBS took the trouble to go to Bill Bundy about the problem. His answer was slightly evasive, but at least the Administration had been given the chance to speak. NBC declared, simply, that the State Department said it was not concerned about the elections.

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AUG 11 1967 LS
Santo Domingo
Pedro M. Bencosme

Saludos. 31 Julio 1967



Señor:
Presidente E.U.S.
Lincoln B. Johnson.
Apreciados señor nuestro.

Dirigime de esta amigable comunicación para
ponerme a sus gratas órdenes en lo que
respeto a mis servicios en la guerra
de Viet Nam. Puedo servirle como
Soldador ya que tengo 9 años ejerciendo
esta profesión, como Cocinero, también
Puedo servirle como ayudante a médico
mensajero como chofer, mecánico
electricista técnico en radio y televisión
tirador con cualquier clase de arma
Puedo largo y corto, francotirador.
En lo que respeto a tirador tengo muy buenas
notas en este departamento, mis servicios
los ofrezco gratuitamente ya que poco
hace el dinero de mi vuelo a la vida
nueva no lo hago a usted responsable
si muero. Lo mismo me da estar vivo
que muerto cuando sea por el bien de
la libertad. Lo escribo en feto para
que me puedan identificar mejor, En
espera de su pronta contestación reciba

27. 1957
Sancti Spiritus
Pedro M. Benavente

mi mas cordial salud.

Pedro Benavente Guzman
Restauración #2 Salcedo. Repdonr.
Sinceramente, créame, me heñtí
orgulloso si acepta mis
servicio que les ofrezco sin
Compromiso para usted y los
Estados unidos de américa
urgentemente espero su
Contesta. mi edad actual son
29 años cumplidos

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October 3, 1967

Dear Mrs. Bench:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter. Your views regarding Viet-Nam will be brought to the President's attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Don Bench
Route 12, Box 57
Springfield, Missouri 65804

(^xYvonne Bench)

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Respectfully referred
for attention and
appropriate handling.

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

OCT 4 1967

COPY OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT SENT

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Comment and suggestion re V II

Springfield M O.

Sept., 27, 1967

MR. PRESIDENT
THE WHITEHOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.

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Respectfully referred
for attention and
appropriate handling.

Whitney

Assistant to the President

Dear Mr. President:

God has given into your hands the leadership of one of the greatest nations of modern times. I know that in troubled times like these yours is not an easy task but I pray that God will guide you in the way that is pleasing in his sight.

Your vision of a great society has appealed to many people. That dream could become a reality if we ^{all} work together for it in the right way.

Your popularity has, much of the time, soared very high but of late there has been an ever increasing area of dissension among the people at the grass roots. This is the war in Viet Nam.

I realize this is a difficult situation but it seems to me there is a possible face saving way out. I think for you to find some way to end our part of the hostilities will do more to send your popularity up than any other one thing. The time for action has come. You have already had a period of time. Promises alone will not stop the rising tide of dissension.

I am sure, that if you do not find a way, the opposition will take advantage of the situation. Whether or not they can fulfill their promises, the people will be ready to listen to them if you have not already found an acceptable way to work out the problem.

In the beginning, although they were troubled that we were involved in the fighting, they made the best of it because they believed in what they were fighting for. They listened hopefully to the promises that we were making headway against the enemy and there was a

foreseeable end to the situation, or so they thought. But more and ~~and~~ more rumors are flying that this can go on for as much as twenty five years. Those families who have loved ones involved in the fighting are becoming more and more anxious to find some one who can put a stop to the fighting. As more troops are sent over more families are becoming involved which means an ever increasing army of dissension here at home, not only of wives and parents but all other relatives of the soldiers as well.

It is true that a quick and complete victory over the enemy is the most desirable thing but, at the moment, that seems out of the ~~our~~ reach therefore we need to concentrate on something more possible of attainment. To get them to the conference table ^{would} seem ~~xxx~~ to be the next best solution. It seems that you have been trying to do this, and for a little while I was hopeful you might succeed but later ~~xx~~ reports disqualify that hope.

However there may be another way to get us out of this mess and also save face. If we cannot find the solution we want we must be willing to settle for the best of what we can get.

A few months ago the leader of Chiang Kai-shek's military forces was visiting here in Springfield and made some interesting talks. Among other things he told us they had six million men trained and ready for combat and twelve more million men in reserve that ~~xxx~~ could soon be made ready, if we would furnish the arms for them to do it with. He said, "We need your aid in sending supplies, but we do not need your fighting men. These people are orientals like ourselves and we understand the working of their minds in a way the westerners never could, therefore we will understand much better how to ~~xxx~~ fight them." I think that is true.

Mr. President, these are people who are on our side. They come

out of China because they could not tolerate the communist regime.

What better way to help a people than to help them to help themselves?

Why not make a deal with these people to furnish them with the military supplies they need so they can fight their own battles and withdraw our fighting men. I feel confident that finding a way to get our boys out of Viet Nam will reach the heart of the common citizen, the average person and get you more votes than any other one thing that you could do.

Think this over very carefully. I hope it will reach your heart . I would like to know if you do get to read this letter.

Most sincerely and prayerfully

Mrs. Don [Yvonne) Bench

RR#12 box 57

Phone UN5-7642

Springfield Mo. 65804

October 3, 1967

Dear Mrs. Bench:

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NIGHTLETTER October 30, 1967

Mr. Leo Cherne
Chairman

* International Rescue Committee
386 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

When I heard that the International Rescue Committee's 1967 Freedom Award was to be presented to General Sarnoff, I was very pleased. A large part of my pleasure was personal, for General Sarnoff has for many years been one of my most cherished friends.

He has also been a great and valued friend of America, and of freedom. He has been a pioneer in science, technology, and communications. His numerous contributions to humanitarian causes place him in the front rank of public servants.

Throughout his long and illustrious career, he has helped extend the embrace of freedom to oppressed peoples throughout the world.

I applaud this award, and I send my very best wishes to the Committee and to General Sarnoff.

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

LBJ:WRS:PB:oi

CC: Juanita Roberts, Will Sparks, Lloyd Hackler, Peter Benchley,
Mary Hooper, CF. / John Roche

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OCT 31 1967

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Ack'd. by Offset # $\frac{C12}{2/17}$

Germantown Pike
Lafayette Hill Pa.
January 29, 1964

Dear President Johnson,
I was delighted to
see your picture in the
Sunday Bulletin, sitting
astride a child's ice-cream
chair at the age of eighteen
months. My mother gave
my sister and me two
chairs like that for Christmas.
She found them in an
antique shop. I wonder if
you still have yours. My
parents think you are a
very good President. I am
ten years old and in
fifth Grade.

Yours truly,
Linda Hope Bencosky

J Bencosky



Lyndon at 18 months . . .

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Nov 10, 1967

The White House
President Lyndon B. Johnson
Pentagon N.W.
Washington, D.C.

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Dear President Johnson

I have been a critic of yours for some time.
I have offered advice you have never taken. I still believe in
your advice to blame, not you, disclosed in an answer to
your latest speech to the public regarding tariffs. Thanking you
I remain,

Respectfully yours
Benchert

Carol Benchert
7702 Granada Drive
Bellevue, Maryland 20834

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message to Congress, 3/14/67

SENT, NOV 15 87


Cindi Benca
6749 E. Wilshire
Scottsdale, Arizona
85257
November 9, 1967

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear President Johnson,

Would you please send me any information you have concerning the poverty program? I need this information for a project in American government as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cindi Benca



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deferment because of my condition and because of my first operation. Nine months later, they requested another statement from my doctor as to my condition at that time. My doctor's statement indicated my condition to be worse and that I had to go for another operation. At this time, he was given a "hardship case" discharge (copy enclosed herewith). The actual separation papers have been lost, but I am sure it is officially filed with the chief personnel office in Washington, D. C.

Last month, our Local Draft Board #10 called my son and I to appear. After explaining my financial and physical condition, they wondered how I was able to support my family.

On November 10, 1967, I received a card from our draft board, indicating that my son had been reclassified as 1-A. The change has me confused.

I also wish you to know, that, according to my wife, my step-son's father, had died when Louis was 5 months old. He had been in service during World War II and we believe that his death was caused by a service-connected illness. My step son, Louis was his only child.

I will greatly appreciate whatever you can do to assist in this matter. I do not want to lose my home and everything that I have strived for. I had been in service during World War II myself and I am appealing to you as a veteran for this much needed assistance.

If you need any additional information I will be glad to submit it to you as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

Frank Bencivenga

Mr. Frank Bencivenga
69 Dell Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York

Louis S. Fonzio
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[Large handwritten flourish]

*"and
L. J. Fonzo"*
NOV 24 1967

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November 17, 1967

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

My Dear President:

I know, without a doubt, that you are most busy with all the problems of modern times and no doubt have been approached with situations similar to mine previously, but I find that so far there is no one that will assist me in this situation and therefore I am turning to you.

This pertains to my step-son, Louis S. Fonzo, age 22, residing with me at 69 Dell Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY.

To begin with, I am totally disabled with an injury to my spine. I have had two operations and my condition is worse. I cannot perform any type of work. I am presently receiving compensation payments in the amount of \$220.00 a month. I also receive for myself and family social security disability in the amount of \$303.00 a month.

I own my own home and presently have a \$17,000.00 mortgage. I pay a total of \$145.00 a month to cover this mortgage. My family consists of myself, my wife and 3 children, including my step-son, Louis. The expense to support my family under my present conditions is far greater than the amount of my income which I have previously explained in this letter.

My step son, Louis Fonzo, is also employed and takes home to assist the family his entire salary of \$69.00 a week. With this amount, I am just barely able to meet my expenses and cost to support my family.

In 1963, my son, Louis, had signed up with the Naval Reserve in New Rochelle, New York to serve 2 years in reserve, 2 years active duty and two years on stand-by. He completed 2 years of reserve duty. He was ready to go into active duty in 1965 but the U S Naval Reserve Unit in New Rochelle, NY gave him a 9 month

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To Tracy ^{Benchley}, with the hope that you will grow up in a peaceful world - Lady Bird Johnson
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February 1, 1968

Dear Dr. Rider:

Would you send me a list of those students who will be attending the^xWashington Benchmark Conference on March 26?

If possible we will schedule them for a tour of the White House and try to arrange for them to attend the 11:00 a. m. press briefing.

Sincerely,

W. Thomas Johnson

W. Thomas Johnson
Assistant Press Secretary
to the President

Dr. John R. ^xRider
Assistant Professor
^xSyracuse University
107 Carnegie Library
Syracuse, New York 13210

WTJ/jdh

Nothing else sent to
Central Files as of 2/8/68
L.B.



February 29, 1968

GEN
SP 2-3/1968/LG

Dear Mr. Benckert:

The President has asked me to send you the enclosed copy of his Special Message on the Crisis of the Cities, transmitted to the Congress on February 22, 1968.

Also attached is a transcript of the press briefing on this message, which elaborates in greater detail the key points.

We would appreciate receiving any comments you care to make on the message.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. K. W. Benckert
President
Puerto Rico Telephone Company
Post Office Box 4275
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Enclosure

March 11, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bencic:

President Johnson appreciated your letter.

It is a source of strength and encouragement to him to know that he is being remembered in prayer. He is deeply grateful for your thought of him.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. George Bencic
344 Grove Street
Tonawanda, New York 14150

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your daily task, go to
sleep in peace. God is
awake.

I have the honor to
remain

Very Respectfully
Mrs. George Bencic

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① MRS. GEORGE BENIC

March 4, 1968

② 344 Grove St

③ Tonawanda

New York 14150

The President
The White House,

My dear Mr. President.

I just want you to
know that my prayers
are with you in these
days of turmoil and
anguish.

May God be your
Guide in all you do,
directing you and your
advisors.

Have courage for the
great sorrows of life
and patience for the small
ones; and when you have
laboriously accomplished

March 22, 1968

Dear Mrs. Bencinengh:

Mrs. Johnson asked me to thank you for your nice letter to the President.

Nothing would please the President and Mrs. Johnson more than to be able to meet with as many friends as they would like; however, as you can well understand, their busy schedules are usually overflowing with official commitments and time does not permit them to do so.

We are enclosing the wedding photographs and a copy of the President's State of the Union Message as you requested.

Please know how much the Johnsons appreciate your wanting to visit with them and they send you their very best wishes.

Sincerely,

**Bess Abell
Social Secretary**

**Mrs. Esther Bencinengh
228 Sumner Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey 07062**

JS/ad

Encls: Luci and Lynda's wedding photos, State of the Union Message

COPY IS FILED IN SOCIAL FILES

name Mrs Esther Benning
928 Sumner Ave
Plainfield, NJ

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THE WHITE HOUSE
SOCIAL CORRESPONDENCE

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By ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~Leads~~ ^{Leads} open Insulator,
 To President Johnson.

c/s ✓

I'm writing you
 this letter, to let you know.
 First of all I would like you
 too know that the speech
 you did on T.V. Wed night was
 very good you made it nice and
 clear, I even saw your wife and
 daughter: long side of you and
 they were looking at you so
 proud, who want with a
 husband like you, and a father
 of your two beautiful daughter's,
 I also have two daughter's,
 and I wish too god I see
 the day they get married.

one is 20 years the other is 22 years
 in which this Christmas she was
 engaged. I saw your daughter's
 on T.V when they got married,
 and they sure made wonderful brides,
 President Johnson, I was wondering
 if I'm not asking for too
 much. first may I please
 receive a copy of the speech you
 did on T.V. Wed night. Second
 if it can be done. and if you
 and your wife don't mind,
 could I have a wallet size picture
 of your daughter's in their gowns.
 President Johnson, I hope I can
 get a answer from you on this

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letter. Because when you went
to the hospital for an operation,
I sent you a get well card,
and I wrote you a little poem
on your getting better, But I
didn't know if you received it
or not. Because I didn't get no
answers, I don't know if I doing
the wrong thing by saying this.
But here it goes, I hope someday
in god's will that I could see you
and the rest of your family in person,
I wish the same Sunday, I mean
your family and my family get together
and have a spaghetti dinner at my
house. I'll be only too happy and

glad too welcome [&] your family at my
house.

Please President Johnson tell your
daughters, I wish them all the
luck in the world. I watched them
on Y. V. as I said before, and they both
made the most beautiful brides,

President Johnson I hope I could get an
answer on this letter I. will and it
will make me very happy. And as I said
before I hope I can receive a copy of your
speech. And stay in good health and keep
up the good work. And may God
bless you all,

signed By
Mrs Esther Bencinings,

MAR 4 1898

To

who liked to work and he
lived to be 93 yrs. old. He
said I am not a intelligent
person, scholarly & just learn
from experience and God's
been good to me for keeping
me in good health.

Please, do not think
this is just a foolish thought
but I know you will improve
if you can and I just lead
where the manuscript, develop and
Tramway and the just got to go
as I hope I can make it.

Thank you Mr. President
I shall pray for you and
your family to all the Lord to
keep you all in his grace.
My best to Mrs. Johnson.

Very Truly yours BEN O2 E
Miss Mabel B. Beuge

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Redwood
MAR 4 1968

Mr

424 E. Pines Garden
Tucson, Arizona 85711
Feb. 26, 1968

Mr. President, L. B. Johnson
White House, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Please help me! I know
you are very busy so I'll come
to the point. I'm 52 years old
and want to be a L. P. N. I had
Training in a Practical school
in Philadelphia, Pa. in 1955
but the school was not accredited
I did not know at the time
I attended. I don't think it's fair
after a year of attending I later
found out. It was too small.

So now I am trying to
get into a M. D. T. A. program
and there is no school.

type it is heart-breaking. I
am a drop out of high school
I left in my sophomore year
because we were poor and I
had to go to work. I always
found work and then I could
not go to school because my
father and mother were in their
60's⁺ so I did not want to leave
them. My mother was partially
paralyzed so it was very hard
to leave even though the most
I ever wanted to be was a
licensed practical nurse.

What keeps me from going
on is my tests that have to
be taken always fall short
of their requirements. I can
learn from being shown in the
hospital rather than learning
from books.

I'm not asking for a miracle
only that I want to go into train-
ing as much because nursing
is what I want to do the most.

I am single and healthy. I
can now go anywhere's when I
will be accepted but I always
flunk out. Can you please help
me! Mr. President you always
come through when people need
you most and I am not asking
this to be funny but I beg you
if there is any possible way
you can help me without putting
yourself out or the program I'd
be ever so grateful. I love to
serve the sick especially the
sinner citizens. My mother was
the best mother and she raised
13 children and lived to be 80 yrs
old. My father was a good man.

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c/o
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PAUL BENCOE

Southwest International, Inc.

POST OFFICE BOX 374

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87103, U.S.A.

TELEPHONE (AREA 505) 242-5065

April 21, 1968

The Honorable
Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

In the matter of claims against Czechoslovakia, I respectfully request you to read the enclosed memorandum and to take such action as seems appropriate to you.

Thanking you for your consideration and with best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,


Paul Bencoe


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April 26, 1968

Dear Peter:

Your recent letter was one of those thoughtful gestures I shall cherish and remember in the days and years ahead.

I am happy that you and Wendy have derived such satisfaction from your membership in the White House family. And I can only assure you of my own satisfaction in your loyal service -- and of my enduring thanks.

Sincerely,



**Mr. Peter Benchley
3271 Prospect Street, NW.
Washington, D.C.**

LBJ:WRS:EH:ck

**cc: Juanita Roberts, Will Sparks, Loyd Hackler, Elisha Hasek,
Central Files**

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FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

GENERAL
PR - 6-1/36

Honorable Peter ~~Benchley~~
The White House
Washington, D. C.

The President

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JUL 11 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bencher:

Mrs. Johnson and I join in expressing our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your son, Sergeant Alvin K. Bencher.

Americans throughout our great country are eternally indebted and humbly grateful to your son for his selfless courage in fighting to preserve the ideal of freedom for all men.

You are in our prayers at this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

**Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Bencher
General Delivery
Nixon, British Columbia
Canada**

LBJ:HMT:mmmc

EXECUTIVE
ND 9-2-2/ B⁴

JUL 11 1968

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bencher:

Mrs. Johnson and I join in expressing our deepest sympathy to you in the loss of your son, Sergeant Alvin K. Bencher.

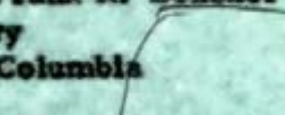
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You are in our prayers at this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Bencher
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Hixon, British Columbia
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July 29, 1968

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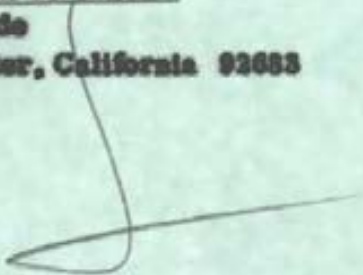
Dear Mr. Bench:

On behalf of President Johnson, let me thank you for giving him your views on the control of firearms. While the President has made his position clear, your wish to let him know where you stand is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Carson E. Bench
6471 Sunside
Westminster, California 92683



OCT 29 1968

I left me³ destitute, so that
is why I am asking you to please
do something for the widows
widowers and all Senior Citizens
who must live only on Social
Security.

I hope you will leave me
soon, I wish you could stay
in as our President, as you are
one of the Best

I hope you will stay on in Politics
so you can guide the way to a
better democracy. ~~and~~

My family & I will miss the
Greatest President America ever
had.

God bless you, Mrs Johnson, your
children & grandchildren and I;
hope the Lord will grant you a long
life with your devoted family.
Sincerely, Theresa Bencisenga ^{Mother &} ^{Grandmother}

6 Belvedere Rd
N. Y. N. Y.

social security increased which
means so little to them, as they
have plenty to live on in their old
age. As President of our country
try please try to give the widow
& widower a chance to survive.
Thanks to President Eisenhower

Eisenhower, who passed a law
for 8 1/2% for widows, when my
husband passed away almost 3
years ago I was getting \$46.50 when
I became a widow I now get
\$111.90 that is my only money
survival. I live with my daughter
& 4 children. Where can I live
on \$111.90 sometimes and many
times I wish I could be on my
own at my age 68 yrs.

My husband passed on almost
3 years ago with a heart ailment
which took all of our savings

OCT 29 1968

Dear Mr. President, I will appreciate
very much if you will do something
for the widow or widower and
senior citizens who live on social
security alone.

It is far better for them to get
a fixed amount from the Government
and not have to go on Relief.
When you raise social security,
all get the raise, and who have
other incomes, such as P. & W. &
company pensions, plus social
security. They can get along
nicely, but why has our country
forgotten those who live only on
a meager social security.

I know many who have
business & incomes far more
surpassing others, and get

November 9, 1968

GEN
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Dear Mr. Benckert:

In acknowledging your letter to President Johnson, I want you to know that your comment on the bombing halt has been noted. To understand the decision more fully, you may want to read the enclosed copy of his October 31 address.

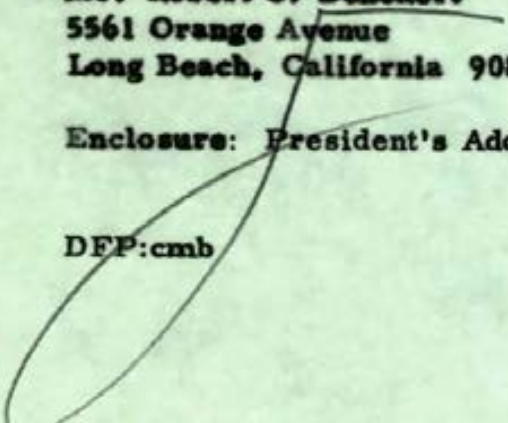
Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. Robert C. Benckert
5561 Orange Avenue
Long Beach, California 90805

Enclosure: President's Address of 10/31/68

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 25, 1968
Monday - 1:45 p.m.

MR. PRESIDENT:

The attached memoranda from Charles Maguire and Peter Benchley say that Benchley is writing a new booklet "The President Greet Young Americans."

This will be used after January 20. The research is complete with the exception of a personal visit by Benchley in Austin and at the Ranch.

Should Benchley be invited to Texas if the President goes tomorrow or this week?

Invite Benchley to go to Texas ✓

JimJ

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

May Peter ^KBenchley come to the Ranch today (this afternoon) to view the house, boyhood home, birthplace, etc. for use in his children's book. Then Benchley could return to Washington on the plane that brings the Rostows down this afternoon.

May Benchley come to the Ranch this afternoon? (no need for the President to entertain him)

yes ___ no ☒

JimJ
11-27-68
11:05 am

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December 12, 1968

Dear Peter:

Because you flew as a guest aboard the Presidential jet, the President wanted you to have the enclosed as a reminder of that event.

With best regards.

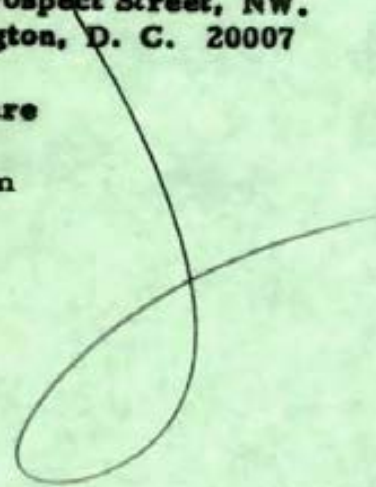
Sincerely,

James R. Jones
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Peter Benchley
3271 Prospect Street, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20007

Enclosure

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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The President

FROM
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Mr. Peter Benchley
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To: Peter Benchley
with appreciation
Richard J. [unclear]

25 Jan 68 B 714-19

EXECUTIVE

FG-11-8-1/Benchley, Peter

January 13, 1969

Dear Peter:

If there is no law compelling letters like yours, I think there should be.

But we need no legalisms to attest all that we have shared and achieved together. I am grateful for your eloquent expression of what those years have meant to you, just as I am proud to know what your contribution of talent and devotion will always mean to our country.

You have served your President and your people with good heart and great skill. I can offer you no warmer thanks or better wishes than that the effect and satisfaction of your accomplishments grow with all your years.

You and Wendy will always have a special place in my heart and Mrs. Johnson's affections.

All fortune to you both,

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mr. Peter Benchley
3271 Prospect Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

LBJ:CMM:kad

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