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18 Monroe Avenue
Larchmont, New York
November 29, 1963

ACKNOWLEDGED BY CARD.

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

Dear Mr. President:


I feel that in you the
nation has found a worthy
successor to John F. Kennedy.
Your every word and act
since the dreadful event
has seemed exactly the
right one, and I am sure
this would not be so unless
you were a man of utter
sincerity.

I especially wish to

stature we had not realized before. My spirit, numbed since last Friday, began to feel hope once more, and pride in my country.

Respectfully yours,

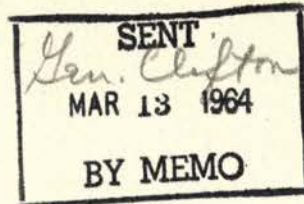
Elizabeth M. Driffin
(Mrs. John B.) Driffin



Thank you for your State of the Union address. It seemed as if, after so many eulogies of our dead leader, it would be only natural for you on this occasion to wish to project your own personality. Instead, you spoke of "his dreams," "his plans for the country," in effect giving him credit in advance for all that you might accomplish. And in doing this your own personality was projected, showing it to be of a nobility and

military aide 3/12

1435 Modoc Avenue
Salinas, California
March 6, 1964



The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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All consideration shown in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

John C. Griffin
John C. Griffin

cc: Representative Burt L. Talcott

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REQUEST COMPLIED WITH

Dear Sir:

I would like some information about the late president Kennedy and also Johnson and if possible some pictures of Kennedy and Johnson.

Thankyou for all the information you can give me.

John Griffin
130 Coronado
N.A.S. Lemoore
Calif.

March 25, 1964

Dear Friends:

The President asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your telegram urging that no action be taken to allow the processing of citrus products from the Virgin Islands which will enable those products to come into the United States, so that they will compete with American production. Apparently it is believed that this procedure can be used to allow foreign production to evade normal American duties.

I am informed that the Virgin Islands Corporation, which owns the land in the Virgin Islands on which the citrus production and the processing were to take place, has decided against leasing this land at this time.

It was good of you to give us the benefit of your views.

Sincerely,

Myer Feldman
Deputy Special Counsel
to the President

Mr. John R. Griffin
Mr. Calvin Addison
Lake Garfield Citrus Cooperative
Bartow, Florida

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE HAVE BACKED YOU AND SUPPORTED YOU AND NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP
WE APPEAL TO YOU TO PROTECT OUR FLORIDA CITRUS INDUSTRY PLEASE
PREVENT VIRGIN ISLANDS CORP FROM BRINGING IN PANAMA ORANGES TO
COMPETE WITH FLORIDA ORANGES WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS VERY MUCH

JOHN R BOBBY GRIFFIN/LAKE GARFIELD CITRUS COOP AND
CALVIN ADDISON.

JOHN C. GRIFFIN
GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MICHIGAN

ACK. AID TO EDUCATION LTR.

February 5, 1964

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

Dear Mr. President:

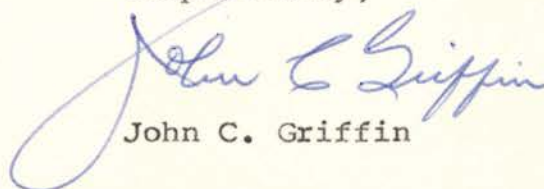
It is with deep conviction, I wish to offer my applause and support for your efforts to include all American children in your program to assist persons in poverty-stricken areas.

When we speak of education with the approach that regardless of belief or race and if we remember that all our children as American children this will be the key to success in your Program, especially if we are going to compete with the nations of the rest of the world, it becomes more necessary every day.

There isn't a greater investment the government could make in the whole United States than in the American children.

Your proposal to include all American school children is the most sound and sensible approach that has been made to this long and standing problem.

Respectfully,


John C. Griffin

AGPO-XS Bergstedt, Carl W.
RA 39 706 243 (6 Mar 64)

7 MAR 1964

Mr. John C. Griffin
1435 Modoc Avenue
Salinas, California

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This is in further reply to your letter, addressed to the President, in behalf of Master Sergeant Carl W. Bergstedt.

There is no record in Headquarters, Department of the Army of the receipt of an application for retirement submitted by Sergeant Bergstedt.

Under current regulations, an enlisted member who is alerted for overseas movement may submit an application for retirement and be removed from the overseas levy, provided he has completed at least 19 years and 6 months of active military service. Sergeant Bergstedt was alerted for overseas movement in June 1963. Since he had not completed the required years of active service, he was not eligible to apply for retirement.

Current regulations further provide that an enlisted member serving in an overseas command may apply for retirement to be effective upon completion of at least 12 months in the overseas assignment, or in the case where dependents traveled overseas at Government expense, the member may be retired after he has served a minimum of 12 months from the date of arrival of the dependents.

Sincerely yours,

J. C. LAMBERT

J. C. LAMBERT
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

OFFICE CHIEF OF STAFF

WASHINGTON

23 March 1964

Mr. Hays:

Attached is TAG interim re M/Sgt
Carl W. Bergstedt. The new suspense date
on the case is 3 April 1964.

AS
AUDREY SCHROFF
Office, D/SGS

*Let me know
background of this
extension*

AGPO-XS Bergstedt, Carl W.
RA 39 706 243 (6 Mar 64)

23 MAR 1964

Mr. John C. Griffin
1435 Modoc Avenue
Salinas, California

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Reference is made to your letter to the President, in behalf of Master Sergeant Carl W. Bergstedt, which has been referred to me for reply.

Sergeant Bergstedt's case is receiving attention and you will be further advised at the earliest practicable date.

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The Adjutant General



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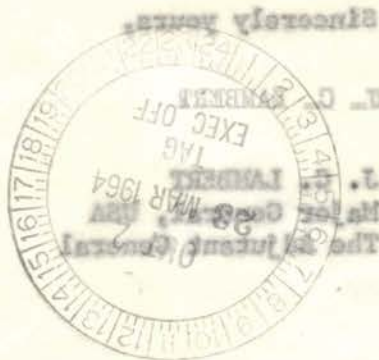
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1432 Hobbs Avenue
Salinas, California

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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WHITE HOUSE LIAISON OFFICER
OFFICE, CHIEF OF STAFF

The attached correspondence is referred to the Department of the Army for appropriate handling. **Would you please provide this office with a copy of your response.**

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C. V. CLIFTON
Major General, U. S. Army
Military Aide to the President

John C. Griffin
1435 Modoc Ave.
Salinas, Calif.

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also stamped and dated 4/17/64.
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1819 Dexter Street
Austin, Texas
April 10, 1964

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed picture was snapped by an AP photographer at Municipal Auditorium when you made your first trip to Austin as President of these United States. The boy in the picture is my son, Michael, aged 7.

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Inasmuch as the picture means a great deal to us, we would appreciate very much your signing it and returning it to us.

Very truly yours,

John H. Griffin

John Griffin

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Mr. Thomas' office

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

Dear Mr. President:

In line of your declaration of
your war on poverty maybe you could be of
assistance in finding out why a Tax refund check
has been held up for 13 weeks by the Department
of Internal Revenue. I would like to circulate
the small amount among our private business
enterprises to help and assist in doing my part in
boosting the economy. I have no group that I belong
to that will represent my aggrieved cause so
I write as any individual citizen, knowing full well I
represent only one vote in November. However a
groundswell of one votes have won elections and I'd
like to introduce you to the groundswell as I am
not the only one amazed at this indifference and
apathy. Two years ago I had all the undivided
attention of an agent when I had to pay a sizable
sum. Today I wait and wait and wait and wait.

Respectfully yours,

John J. Guffin

138-64 Hoover Ave
New Rochelle N.Y.

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May 5, 1964


Dear Mr. Griffin:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter. Your interest in letting him know of your opposition to H. R. 3920 is appreciated. You may be assured that your comments have been fully noted.

Sincerely,

Ralph A. Dungan
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. John L. Griffin
206 Harrison Street
Davenport, Iowa



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206 Harrison Street
Davenport, Iowa
April 24, 1964

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

Dear Sir:

As an interested citizen I wish to express my total opposition to the King-Anderson bill H.R.-3920 which provides for medical care for the aged financed by Social Security taxation.

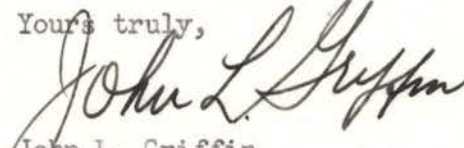
I have expressed my views to my various representatives, and at the suggestion of one of the, am writing your good office to express this opposition.

The social security approach is just strictly distasteful to many people such as myself who see it as only the beginning of additional heavy taxes. The initial H.R.-3920 as embodied in the King-Anderson bill, I am sure should it ever be passed would just merely be the beginning of a continuous and rising tax through social security as the facets of the bill would be continued continuously broadened to provide more and more various types of care. I have been under social security myself since its inception in 1937 and am fully aware of the extent of its growth during that time from a relatively minor matter in one's income to where it now becomes quite a sizable item with no promises at this time of any curtailment.

These proposals while no doubt very desirable for many people, represent to people, and I am sure there are many such as me, a philosophy of socialism and welfare statism which is eventually going to ruin this country.

I realize that you are probably pretty well committed to certain groups who will indicate their approval at the ballot box, but I assure you there are many people such as myself that will never be in a position to indicate support of yourself and future candidates through the continued support of such socialistic measures as this and many others.

Yours truly,


John L. Griffin

May 11, 1964

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

The President is very appreciative of your solicitude and interest.

It is indeed very heartening to the President to know your sincere appreciation of him and his accomplishments.

The President's daily schedule is arranged with definite breaks for relaxation, rest and adequate allowance for hours of sleep.

With the very best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Juanita Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mrs. John B. Griffin
18 Monroe Avenue
Larchmont, New York

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That Killing Pace

THE OLD, old pro spoke the unspoken words that have become a tacit preamble to every discussion of Presidential politics in Washington:

"The only thing that can beat Lyndon is another heart attack."

This caveat has been thrust into the forefront of the capital's collective intelligence, of course, by the frenetic—some days the suicidally frenetic—pace that is set by President Johnson. And adding to the growing mood of disquiet is the gaunt, spectral figure of 72-year-old John W. McCormack, Speaker of the House and the man next in line to succeed to the Presidency should Johnson not survive to complete his term of office.

The White House insists that the President's health is excellent, that he has made a complete recovery from the heart attack he suffered on July 2, 1955, and that he comfortably tolerates the brutal regimen he has imposed upon himself. So far as the casual observer can tell, all this is true. But it is also true that younger men with no history of heart disease are experiencing a great deal of trouble in matching Johnsons' pace. Press associations, for example, have had to double-team the President in an attempt to keep the world informed of the dizzying round of his activities.

The undercurrent of concern regarding the prospective life span of the President is not a partisan monopoly. Thoughtful men in the world of government and finance are appalled at the convulsion that might take place if fate decreed a Johnson-McCormack transition.

Even though Johnson was well and favorably known to much of the nation's business community, panic selling struck the New York Stock Exchanges within minutes of President Kennedy's death. They were closed before great harm could be done. By Monday's reopening Johnson's deft touch had reassured the world, and industrial averages scored record gains. Few people believe the same virtuoso performance could be expected from Speaker McCormack, who outside of Washington and Boston is known only as a shadowy wraith who sits silently in the background when the President addresses Congress.

President Johnson's health is going to be a campaign issue. (Indeed, is one already if one credits the carefully planted rumors that filter back and forth across Washington.) With his medical history, health would be an issue if he were as phlegmatic as a turtle. But the image he has created of a man moving in the frantic, jerky, uncoordinated manner of a cowboy in an ancient movie is certain to underscore the health issue.

His medical record is well known. He has had two kidney stone attacks, as well as a heart seizure described as "moderately severe." The first kidney stone occurred in 1948, and was removed at Mayo Clinic without surgery. A more serious attack took place in January, 1955, and required an operation. Kidney stones tend to recur and are frequently accompanied by excruciating, disabling pain.

Heart attacks also tend to recur, but the chances of recurrence diminish with the passage of time. So far as tests can discern, Johnson's heart is normal. His weight, which dropped to 176 immediately after his heart attack, is over 200 now, although how far over the White House won't say. He has always been a poor sleeper, and insists that five or six hours are sufficient to meet his needs. He swims at least once a day, usually naps after lunch, and recently has taken to an occasional round of golf.

But otherwise, he is going at a dead run for upward of 18 to 20 hours a day—endlessly meeting people, telephoning, cajoling, head-knocking, soaking up information, presiding at sessions where grave and dangerous questions are weighed, and altogether being the most extraordinary political animal the country has seen in generations.

But what's worrying Washington is the uneasy suspicion he may turn out to be the sort of animal the Tyrannosaurus Rex was—a fearsome critter that carried everything before it but which, regrettably, contained the built-in seeds of its own extinction.

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MRS. JOHN B. GRIFFIN
18 MONROE AVENUE
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK

May 5, 1964

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

Dear President Johnson:

The enclosed is only one
of many articles I have been
reading which has me and,
I am sure, thousands of other
Americans, terribly worried about
the pace you are setting yourself.

Please for the sake of America
and the whole world, take
better care of your health.

We Americans are very
grateful for the magnificent
job you are doing as our
President. But we want to
be rid of this nagging worry
which is growing day by day.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Driffin

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Nov 24, 1963
Syracuse, N.Y.

Mr. President.

I am writing you on the behalf of Jack "Ruby" Rubenstein, the man who has acted as a man of America. A man the same as you or I, a man who would act as one who objects to a hurt caused him or his family! A wrong has not been righted, it is a very poor track! One life of a rotten dog for the life of our late President, John Kennedy! Not only was Mr. Kennedy my president, he was from my home state. If some one were to do harm to me or mine. I'd not wait for the so called "due process of law". We, as Americans, we done hurt. Our brother, Jack "Ruby", undertook the task of righting the wrong. He is an American, America is justice, he, "Jack" done no wrong,

I am writing the Governor of Texas asking him to grant a full pardon to Mr. Rubenstein in the

event that the rest of our family go on a
right is right and wrong is wrong spree. In other
words, some more sanctimonious no goods may
be gutters and hate blood shed and will want
to punish Mr. Rubenstein.

I am asking that you Mr. President
see that Mr. Rubenstein be granted full and
complete pardon — Well! Give him a
medal.

Sincerely
John Griffin

August 20, 1964

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HUMPHREY, H

Dear Mr. Griffin:

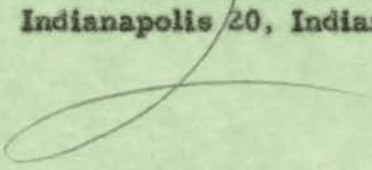
Thank you for your card to the President. Your interest in sharing your thoughts with him regarding the choice of a Vice Presidential nominee is appreciated, and it is reassuring to know that you are sufficiently motivated to want him to have your views concerning this most important decision.

Of course, the President will continue to give the most thoughtful consideration to this matter. It is his hope that the candidate selected by the delegates at the Convention will receive your full support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair
Assistant to the President

Mr. John S. Griffin
6030 Allisonville Road
Indianapolis 20, Indiana



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Comment re Vietnam

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8 SOUTH DEARBORN STREET

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60603

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August 10, 1964

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

Dear Mr. President:

Considering the complexities of the Southeast Asian situation and the proposition of extensive staffs not seeing the forest for the trees, I desire to respectfully submit the following:

In order to pre-empt a direct confrontation with Soviet power without expressing an interpretation of premissiveness or weakness, would it not be beneficial to adopt a policy, by statement or otherwise, notwithstanding the knowledge that our system of government and capitalism has demonstrated itself to be in the best interest of all free people, that we accept a policy of peaceful co-existence with a different system of government based upon the free wish and desire of its citizens, however in no instance can the United States accept a foreign system of government wherein it is the intention of that government to impress its system and will upon free people by force?

It appears from general news available to our public that the Soviet, like ourselves, vigorously propounds its system, but thus far, each government has had the foresight not to use ultimate direct destructive force in imposing said system upon others. Certainly, the aforementioned would aid in promoting a further gulf between the militant communism of China and the emerging socialistic capitalism of Russia.

I don't pretend to be well-informed in matters of international affairs of state, however as a citizen, I desire to convey my thoughts, concerning this issue, for the interest of our republic.

Respectfully,


JOHN J. GRIFFIN

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To the President of the United States of America

Mr Johnson

The White House, Washington D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr and Mrs John B. ^{*}Griffin
(at) 2310 - 45th Avenue,
San Francisco
California

Have their 60th Wedding Anniversary on
the 20th of September, 1964

And I would appreciate it very much
if you have time to send a message
which would be a nice surprise and an
"Honour" from you.

As they are a Pioneer
California Couple, whom I have known since
1920,

I thank you in advance

Sincerely

Anna M. Grant

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1850 - 27th Ave. S. F. Calif.

September 18, 1964

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Griffin:

Thank you for your letter to the President. You may be assured that the interest which prompted you to let him have your comments is appreciated.

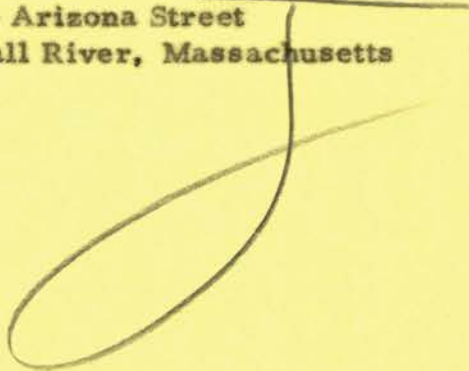
President Johnson asked me to convey to you his heartfelt thanks for your warm personal expressions. The knowledge that he has your support means much to him, and he trusts he will continue to merit your confidence and good will.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Ivan Sinclair
Assistant to the President

Mr. and Mrs. John Griffin
65 Arizona Street
Fall River, Massachusetts



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Dear Mr. President Johnson,

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I am sending you this picture of the Capitol Building. I drew it in two hours. I am trying to show you my appreciation for you carrying on what the late and great president Kennedy wanted for this wonderful country. Your war on poverty is the kindest and most human thing a man could do.

I think Kennedy and Lincoln would have shaken your hand for feeling that every man no matter what color, race, or creed, should have equal rights.

I am only 22 and I don't know much about politics but I know that you are a great man. I only hope that all the other men who follow you are as

great as you are so
this country will always
be great. I would be
very honored if you
would send me a
picture of you and your
family in color. I hope
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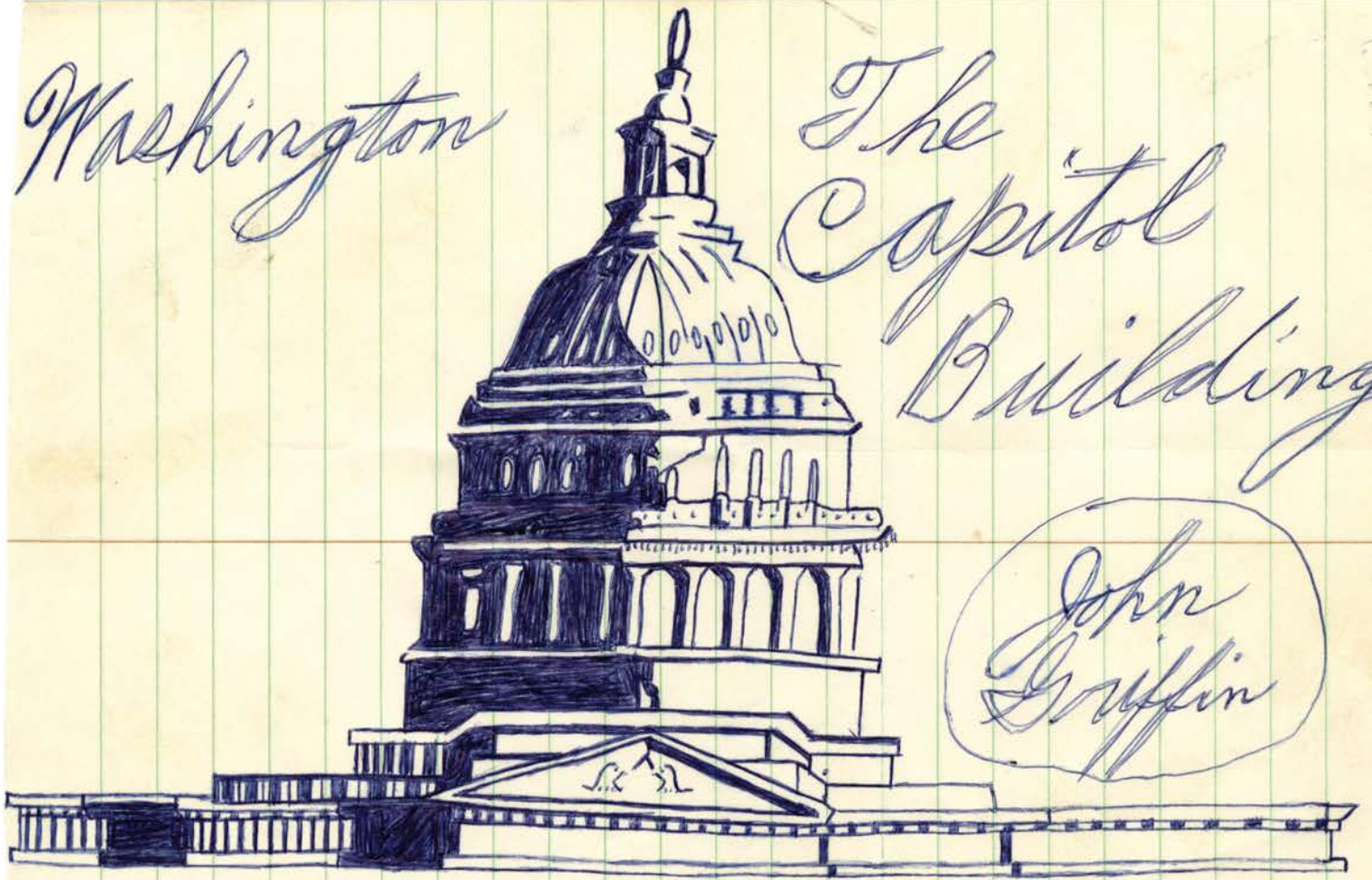
My address
is

65 Arizona St.
Fall River, Massachusetts.

Thank you one more time

Washington

The
Capitol
Building



John
Griffin

Memorandum

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

GENERAL
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TO : Governor Collins

DATE: October 2, 1964

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In reply refer to:

Heilbron, Jerome K.

FROM : John A. Griffin

SUBJECT: Report on McComb, Mississippi

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<input type="checkbox"/> PLEASE ANSWER	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR YOUR COMMENTS		
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or both races, but also by many other residents--even
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White leaders are fearful of the possibility of martial
law and the effect it would leave on the town. These
general conditions have affected not only the emotional
and socio-psychological dimensions of community life, but
also its economic and business activities.



Nothing else sent to
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BUY U.S. SAVINGS BONDS REGULARLY ON THE PAYROLL SAVINGS PLAN

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October 4th, 1964

Mr. George Reedy, Press Secretary
to the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Reedy:

One of the hats I wear - and one by which you do not know me - is to teach New York's finest at the new Police Academy in New York City.

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Professor John Griffin, knowing of the many articles I have written about the First Family, the President and the First Lady, has asked me to express the college's eagerness to have the President speak there. An appearance before an audience of 24,000 in a new institution could be advantageous to the campaign planners and could be integrated with another New York appearance. Certainly the college will cooperate in every way for maximum effectiveness.

I should be so grateful if you could advise me of the possibilities. And I shall do everything possible to help make the appearance a success.

All good wishes as always,

Cordially yours,

Flora Rheta Schreiber
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c.c. Elizabeth Carpenter, Press Secretary
to the First Lady and Staff Director

December 22, 1964

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MCPARTLIN, Miss Mary T., 3 Sorrento St., Springfield, Mass., 12/10/64
DRONDOSKI, F. S., 46 West St., Easthampton, Mass., 12/15/64
MILES, Clarence D., 33 Manning St., Fairview, Mass., 12/13/64
WILLIAMS, Mr. Chas., 3 Sorrento St., Springfield, Mass., 12/10/64
COUSINEAU, Mrs. Gertrude I., 910 Belmont Ave., Springfield, Mass., 12/10/64
WILLIAMS, Mrs. Marion, 3 Sorrento St., Springfield, Mass., 12/10/64
DOMBKOWSKI, Henry J., 45 Clark St., Easthampton, Mass., 12/10/64
LYNCH, Mary M., 42 Hitchcock St., Holyoke, Mass., 12/13/64
GRANT, Vail W., 97 Main St., Monson, Mass., 12/12/64
FARRELL, James E., 92 Everett St., Easthampton, Mass., 12/12/64
STENBERG, Martin, 93 Andrew St., Springfield, Mass., 12/12/64
CARREAU, Mrs. Kathleen, 3 Sorrento St., Springfield, Mass., 12/10/64
HOGAN, Mary R., 14 Hadley St., Springfield, Mass., 12/12/64
GUZIP, Frances, 85 Bell St., Chicopee, Mass., 12/9/64
LYKO, Jane, 87 Bell St., Chicopee, Mass., 12/9/64
GUAGLIARILLO, Miss Josephine, 183 Woodside Terr., Springfield, Mass., 12/14/64
ROOT, Mrs. Earl, Holyoke, Mass., (only) R 12/13/64
SLESINSKI, Mr. Albin C., 10 Holbrook St., Palmer, Mass., 12/14/64
BUCKINGHAM, Charles, 28 Helen Circle, East Longmeadow, Mass., 12/10/64
MEUNIER, Robert, 72 Fieldston St., Springfield, Mass., 12/13/64
MALONEY, John A., 43 Richard Eger Dr., Holyoke, Mass., 12/9/64
MAHAN, Mrs. Edward J., 140 Chestnut, Springfield, Mass., 12/15/64
DAVENPORT, Miss Ellen, 26 Niagara St., Springfield, Mass., 12/15/64
SCHNARE, G. M., Woodland Dr., Hampden, Mass., P. Mkt'd. 12/15/64
DRONDOSKI, Mrs. Frank, 46b West St., Easthampton, Mass., 12/10/64
ANDERSON, Mrs. E.W. Sr., 59 Fairway Dr., Springfield, Mass., 12/12/64
KELEHER, R. L., 23 Irene St., Springfield, Mass., 12/15/64
HEROUX, Normand H., 88 Casino Ave., Chicopee, Mass., 12/12/64
FARRELL, James E., 92 Everett St., Easthampton, Mass., 12/12/64
KENNEDY, Miss Norine P., 60 Home St., Springfield, Mass., 12/10/64
STUTTWIG, Mrs. J. C., RR 4, Vandalia, Ill., 12/14/64
CRAIG, Jessie M., 328 N. 5th St., Vandalia, Ill., 12/12/64
KOVICH, C., 41 Clement St., Springfield, Mass., 12/15/64
MCDONNELL, Edward, 120 Gill St., Chicopee, Mass., 12/13/64
CALOCCIA, S. D., 776 Ridge Rd., Wilbraham, Mass., 12/15/64
EDWARDS, Helen Y., Stone Path Rd., Westfield, Mass., 12/10/64
CHARRON, Roland, 50 Rooseveltd Ave., Chicopee, Mass., 12/10/64
KENNEDY, Miss Mildred E., 116 Springfield St., Springfield, Mass., 12/15/64
RESTAINO, Mrs. Joseph, 768 Liberty St., Springfield, Mass., 12/11/64
CHARRON, Roland, 50 Roosevelt Ave., Chicopee, Mass., 12/10/64
SEBELA, Albert, 68 Sprague St., W. Springfield, Mass., 12/14/64
BARTLETT, Linda, 19 Standish St., Springfield, Mass., 12/6/64
CAMPOLO, Frank S. Jr., 124 Coolidge Ave., Ludlow, Mass., 12/15/64
DROMY, Thomas J., 117 Winton St., Springfield, Mass., 12/12/64
SMITH, Eleanor H., 101 Mulberry St., Springfield, Mass., 12/12/64
MITCHELL, June E., 253 Tyler St., Springfield, Mass., 12/16/64
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POSTER, Louis R. Jr., Torrey St., Southampton, Mass., 12/10/64
GRIFFIN, John J., 123 Walnut St., Holyoke, Mass., 12/9/64
DUNBAR, Mildred B., 48 Jasper St., Springfield, Mass., 12/11/64
LEINHAUSER, Donald E., 46 Doyle Ave., Springfield, Mass., 12/14/64
COUSINEAU, Mrs. H. J., 44 West St., Easthampton, Mass., 12/9/64

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Dec 11, 1964
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President Johnson
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please send me a
picture of you and your
family. I am very interested
in the Capitol and especially
the white house.

Yours Truly
John Shiffer

January 11, 1965

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KOMER, John E., 217 No. Main St., So. Hadley Falls, Mass., 1/8/65. (SPRINGFIELD)
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JOHN, Forrest, 43 Westonville St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
LEARY, Dorothy M., 72 Alfred Circle, Agawam, Mass., 1/8/65.
SHANNON, Herbert J., 194 Lexington St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
VERNILE, Anthony J., 29 Maplewood Ave., East Hartford, Conn., 1/8/65.
BORROBEAU, Adrian F., 297 West St., Ludlow, Mass., 1/8/65.
SANACHECK, Carolyn, 7 Waite Avenue, So. Hadley Falls, Mass., 1/8/65.
MCNABB, Grace F., 72 Dearborn St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
MARTIN, Mrs. Doris P., 59 Federal St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
SANTABA, Henry G., 153 School St., Chicopee, Mass., 1/8/65.
GIRARD, Ronald, 79 Chapin Circle, Ludlow, Mass., 1/9/65.
LEMAI, Stuart, 67 Fresno St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
BAINBRIDGE, Charles C., 76 Chateaugay St., Chicopee Falls, Mass., 1/8/65.
JOHNSON, Willis, 141 Lawnwood Avenue, Longmeadow, Mass., 1/8/65.
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RAYDEN, Floyd H., 203 Westwood Avenue, East Longmeadow, Mass., 1/7/65.
SHELDON, William C., Jr., 282 Prospect Ave., West Springfield, Mass., 1/7/65.
DAMON, Kenneth L., 569 Amastown Rd., West Springfield, Mass., 1/7/65.
LEARY, Joseph M., 72 Alfred Circle, Agawam, Mass., 1/7/65.
JONES, Isabel C., 271 Norfolk St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
CONNOR, Helen, 34 High St., West Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
CONNOR, Margaret, 34 High St., West Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
DAMON, Mrs. Alyce H., 569 Amostown Rd., West Springfield, Mass., 1/7/65.
CARNEY, Mrs. Francis, 74 Dearborn St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
FISH, Mrs. Marjorie E., 45 Steuben St., Indian Orchard, Mass., 1/8/65.
PATERAKIS, Stanley, 49 Stockman St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
STEMPEK, Walter T., 419 Springfield, St., Chicopee, Mass., 1/8/65.
SANDERS, Theodore R., 53 Rural Lane, East Longmeadow, Mass., 1/8/65.
REGNAULT, Robert A., 91 Broz Terrace, Feeding Hills, Mass., 1/8/65.
LIMARD, Harry, 81 Millbrook Drive, East Longmeadow, Mass., 1/8/65.
LEMAI, Miss Corinne V., 30 Cochran St., Chicopee Falls, Mass., 1/8/65.
ARNDLT, Mrs. Leroy, 265 El Paso St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
SAGAN, Joseph J., 158 South St., Chicopee, Mass., 1/8/65.
GRIFFIN, John J., 123 Walnut St., Holyoke, Mass., 1/8/65.
PARK, John T., 20 Dugan Road, Ware, Mass., 1/4/65.
LAVATORI, Ponziano, 33 Higher St., Ludlow, Mass., 1/8/65.
SWAYGER, Mrs. Patricia, 55 Helen Circle, E. Longmeadow, Mass., 1/8/65.
SCALA, Savatore J., 1181 River Road, Agawam, Mass., 1/8/65.
FURGAL, Joseph J., 207 Mountain Road, No. Welbrahm, Mass., 1/8/65.
MCCARTHY, Leslie E., 165 West St., Ware, Mass., 1/8/65.
LAFABEY, Thomas, 30 Armstrong St., West Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
RUZZO, Vincent, 195 Circle Avenue, West Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
POLUMBUS, Angelo A., 879 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, Mass., 1/8/65.
MITROWSKI, Edwin H., 64 Connecticut Avenue, Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.
NEISSEL, Paige, 39 Greenbrier St., Springfield, Mass., 1/8/65.

To President Johnson
Whitehouse
Washington, D.C.

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JAN 14 1965

346 La Marido St
Pittsburgh, Pa 15226
Jan 8, 1965.

Dear Sir:

I'm writing in behalf of myself and husband with the hope that you will use your influence to help alleviate our financial problems. This situation was caused from illness and unfortunate circumstances.

Since we have a large house and recently rented 3 rooms, I was wondering if we could possibly qualify for aid under the Small Business Loan. (War On Poverty project) We need to consolidate our outstanding debts. At the present time, we are suffering financial hardship and stress, because we are not able to meet the various payments. I feel certain that a consolidation loan would give us a fresh start. We did apply to various banks but was refused because of delinquent payments.

I'm unable to work, because we have a mentally retarded daughter who requires extra care at home.

My husband John (Veteran of World War 2) is a fine man. He is good, kind and conscientious, very deserving of some help. It hurts me deeply to see him so worried, because we haven't been able to meet the expenses. However, with a loan to clean everything up we wouldn't have any trouble making one monthly

pleasure.

I feel very insignificant writing to you, but there's no one else we can turn to for help.

We have been paying on our home for 9 years with a 15 year mortgage. We don't want to refinance it, because that would mean paying for another 26 years, which would amount to double the original cost.

Please help us!

Will close, thanking you for your kind consideration and hope for a reply in the near future.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs John Griffin
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P.S. — Naturally we voted for you!

Bill Moyers /G *

January 16, 1965

Dear John:

Thanks very much for your letter.
I'm glad to know you are enjoying your
new job.

Thanks, also, for the clippings. We
appreciate being kept informed.


Best regards,

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill Moyers
Special Assistant
to the President

★
Mr. John Griffin
Associate Editor
The Honolulu Advertiser
P. O. Box 3110
Honolulu, Hawaii



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Again 1/21

Dear Mr. President,

I think or rather I
know you're a very
good man. I wrote
to you before and
now I would like
to send you a
poem I hope
you will like it.

You will
always have
my support.

John Griffin

P. S. I would like
to thank I ran
Sinclair
for answering my
last letter.

turn over
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65 Arizona Street
Fall River, Mass.
Mr. John Griffin

L. B. J. D. S. A. O. K.

He knows that good
is the only way.

He does his best
he gets things done
for god and country
he's the only one.

he helps the sick
the hungry the poor
we are in good hands
I know for sure.

He loves good and hates
the bad and that
we have enemies makes
him sad.

He says that we
should love sister and
brother respect our
father and our mother.

He says no matter
what color or creed
to get along he'll
always plead.

I'm glad to have
Johnson for president
for love and peace
he's the best resident.

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3518 WT 72 PL
Chicago 29, Ill
Feb 2, 1965

President Johnson
White House
Washington D. C.

Dear Mr President

I would like a picture of
President Johnson and his
family. And a picture of President
Kennedy and his Family.
And a picture of the White
House. And information of the
Capitol of the United States and
a picture of the Capital

A boy in Chicago
John Griffin

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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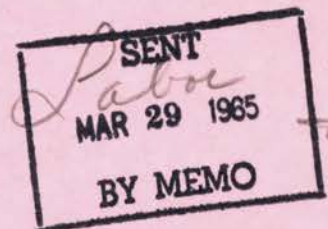
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

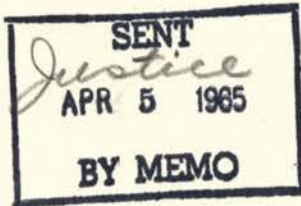
DEAR PRESIDENT JOHNSON I URGE YOU TO PRESERVE SECTION 14B TAFT
HARTLEY ACT THIS FREEDOM IS AS NECESSARY AS ANY HUMAN RIGHTS
WE ARE WORKING FOR TODAY

JOHN C GRIFFIN GROSSEPOINTE MICHIGAN.



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Justice
John H. Griffin

Mansfield, Texas (*only*)



March 26, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

I add my voice of approval to your actions in the current Alabama racist crisis - with all my heart.

I hope that the KKK can indeed be outlawed. It is as anti-American as the communist party. I hope that your proposed congressional investigation bears fruit; and that it will reveal the cooperation that has existed between the KKK, the White Citizens Councils and the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,

John Howard Griffin
John Howard Griffin
Author of BLACK LIKE ME
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Justice
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Dearest Sir:

I am writing to you in hope that you will help me in a very important matter. My uncle served 22 yrs in prison for a crime of murder for which another plead Guilty. We feel the State of Illinois should try to make it right with him. They do not have a transcript of his case and the papers he has here at home prove he served time for a crime he did not commit. I know that you are very busy with the fine work you are doing but I hope you will take a few minutes of your most precious time to help us

out in this matter. Hoping to
hear from you & remain

Hopefully yours.

John D. Griffin

from
Harry Griffin

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APR 14 1965
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John D. Griffin
105 S. Chestnut St.
Du Quoin, Ill.



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

April 5, 1965

Mr. President

There is much pressure from a few groups for you to give in and stop the war in Viet Nam.

I am writing this because of the "show" that was put on Saturday, April 3.

Don't give the Viet Cong an inch. An inch would be more than they had at the start.

Americans, in general, are too apathetic to write and express their views. When they vote a man to office they expect him to do the right thing without being told.

The American Image, Uncle Sam,
must be made a powerful giant
not a Mr. Milktoast.

Sincerely Yours
John C. Griffin

11080 SW 61 Terr
Miami, Florida 33143

APR 26 1965

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Wm Griffin

President Johnson

Ft Pierce Fla

Dear President

4-20-65

I am writing you in regards
to my son, John Lee Griffin
Sir he enlisted in the army when
he was 17 he served 3 years
1 1/2 over in Korea came back here
finished out his time in Colorado
Camp Ft Carson the Point is when
he was discharged he was going to
hitch a ride home instead he
run in to some one who
had took a automobile so they
tossed him in Caddo Parish Court
in Shreveport La they did not
give him any special amount of
time so he been in E. J. Rens
Oklahoma Reformatory since Nov
1964 so this week he was
staked over the heart I am
worried to death about the whole
thing they dont no who done
it or any thing no his life is
in danger he a good Boy
never been in any trouble
in civilian life I.D. need
him home very badly so

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JOHN W. GRIFFIN, M. D.

M. S. HORINE, M. D.

E. S. CRENSHAW, M. D.

PORT LAVACA CLINIC

1200 NORTH VIRGINIA

PORT LAVACA, TEXAS

2/19/65

Dear President Johnson,

This is one Texas water
who sure hopes that
you and your staff
explore how we can
boldly strengthen the
United Nations. I would
like to see the U.S.
set forth what is
necessary to build an
effective world security
system.

I have four children, oldest
9 year old. He is asking
questions why can't we
have a peaceful settlement
in Vietnam — Now, there
is no^{victory} in this age —

Please explore a diplomatic
settlement.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John W. Griffin
918 N. Ann
Pt. Laurus, Texas



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April 27, 1965

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

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate you on your policy for Viet Nam. You make me extremely proud to be an American again after this feeling laid dormant for so many years. I am a former President of a Young Republican Club and have always voted same. However your performance the last year & a half has converted me that I'll even get out and campaign for you in 68. In conclusion Mr. President, I want you to know that any critical groups opposed to your firm American Policy number four, and do not reflect the true spirit of all our common people. May God be with you always.

Respectfully

John J. Buffon

138-64 Hoover Ave.
Kew Gardens, N. Y.



25 copy to State
copy to CSC

MAY 13 1965

May 2, 1965

Mr. President,

I am writing this letter to tell you how pleased I am with the policies you have been carrying out in Vietnam and in the Dominican Republic. You have lifted the clouds of frustration off many millions of Americans. The only way to stop communism is to show the reds we have the power; the power to stop them and we are not afraid to use it.

These intellectuals, and Ban the Bombers must really be sick if they think talking to the communists is going to stop them.

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Please don't pay too much attention to those other governments who criticize you for what you are doing, they are thinking only of their own interests and not ours. We have to take care of ourselves first. You have earned the respect of all true Americans Mr. President.

I voted for JFK in 1960 and for you in 1964.

I am a Navy veteran, with an honorable discharge. I completed two years of college, and have worked for the Boston Edison Company for the past 6 years.

I am 29 years old now and very bored with the work I am doing. I wonder if you or any of your aides could give me

some ideas on some kind of
government work where I can do
more for my country than I am
doing now. Thank You

Sincerely Yours
John R. Driffin
19 Harvard Ave.
Methuen, Mass
01844

P. S. I am married and have
two children, boys. One four
and one 6 months old.

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May 2, 1965

Respectfully referred to
Department of State

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4-26-1965
Mrs John Griffin
4845 AVE V Lot 30
Birmingham 8, Ala

Mr. President.

Don't guess you will have time to read this letter, but I wanted to ask you to please do something about this war in Viet Nam.

Mr. President us Mothers that have sons over there are worried and have broken hearts. now could you please put an end to this war thats taking the lives of our sons that we love so dearly.

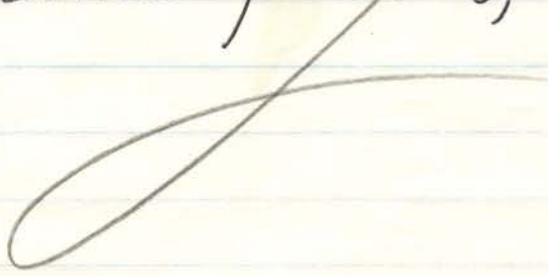
To people that don't have sons or husbands over there don't know how our hearts ache and they never will because they

Can't understand the pain
we feel.

I pray that "God" in
his mercy will spare
the ones we love so
dearly.

And may "God" give
you the right decisions
in putting and end to war
over there and sending
our sons back safe
to us. A mother of a son
in Vit Nam.

Sincerely yours
Mrs John Griffin
4845 Ave V Lot 30
Birmingham 8, Ala



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Respectfully referred for
appropriate reply. Not
acknowledged by this office.

Paul W. Zoppa
Assistant to the President

90 Barclay Place
Merrick, N.Y.

June 8, 1965

Dear President Johnson,

I would like you to
know of an incident which
took place at Kingsbridge
Veterans Hospital, Bronx, N.Y.

My husband was
sent with a doctor's note
for admittance to this
hospital, and he only
went to the hospital
because I asked for a

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"separation."

He told them he was
a Disabled Korean Veteran
and wanted to be checked
for Malaria and back pains.
Dr. Lichtenfeld implied
that he was a phony
and told him that
Malaria is cured within
three years and so didn't
bother with blood tests,
urinalogy or liver X-rays.
He did take an X-ray
of his back and told

him there was a mal-formation at birth but usually didn't bother a man until he was about 60 years old. After this he was told to go home.

I am the mother of seven wonderful children ages 4 months to 9 years. The children in school are all of A averages and we can afford our own adequate home due to my husband

always working on one job (at a time) and progressing since we have been married.

My husband is 35 years old and I believe, sincerely, that he is in definite need of hospital treatment for this condition because he is such a good father that even when tired he will not refuse to take his children to

' Little League, etc.

He tried to resign from
the Volunteer Fire Dept.

but they said they would
appreciate it "if he would
just go to the fires).

He tried to resign from
his job at Allied Maintenance
World's Fair Division but
the union doesn't have
enough good union
members with Operating
& Steam Engineer's licenses

to fill all the jobs at
the fair due to its' being
a temporary position.

I honestly feel that
your closing down of the
Veterans Hospitals is a big
mistake because the servicemen
that were disabled should
be encouraged to use these
hospitals for rest and so
be prevented from later
using mental hospitals.

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JUN 10 1965

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I would appreciate your help in somehow getting my husband to return to the hospital for a checkup and rest without his knowing I wrote this letter as he wouldn't want you being troubled with so many other problems going on in this world.

Sincerely,
Mrs. John Griffin

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Baldwin

1006 Station Ave.
Baldwin N.Y.

May 20, 1965

Dear President Johnson,


I am glad you are President.

I go to Brookside school.

I like arithmetic and spelling.

I want your picture. Thank you

from,

John
Griffin


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GENERAL

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September 15, 1965

Dear Mr. Griffin:

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The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter giving him the benefit of your views concerning Ambassador Goldberg and Vice President Humphrey.

Your interest in bringing Mr. Toledano's column to our attention is appreciated.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John S. Griffin
6030 Allisonville Road
Indianapolis, Indiana

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EXECUTIVE

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July 16, 1965

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Thank you for your note to Bill Moyers about a hat for Mujave.

I know that you'll understand that the President cannot give hats to all 3,000 of the American Field students -- thus it's not possible to give one to Mujave. We are appreciative of your concern, though.

Sincerely,

Jack Valenti
Special Assistant to the President

Mr. John H. Griffin
543 Beford Road
Mt. Kisco, New York

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American Field Service

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August 30, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

To have an American, a democrat, even, the President of the United States to advocate abolishment of the Right to Work Law is the hardest pill I think an American could have to swallow.

I know that I can depend on you to protect my rights and express my feelings to the proper people.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Griffin
John E. Griffin

5800 Elefance
Orlando, Florida

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September 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Griffin:


The President has asked me to thank you for your kind letter. Your willingness to be of service is appreciated, and you may be sure that we shall contact you should the need for your services arise.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John P. Griffin
Wepawaug Road
Woodbridge, Connecticut



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John P. Griffin
Wepawaug Road
Woodbridge, Conn.
10 Sep., 1965

Dear Mr. President,

Recently, I read about the attempt of the United States to return the Kaiulani, the last American-built square rigger, to Washington, there to serve as a floating maritime museum.

I would like to volunteer my services as a member of the crew. I am thirty years old and in good health. My experience consists of five years as able seamen and deck maintenance aboard ships of the Socony Mobile Oil Co. Prior to that, I worked eight years on fishing boats. I would appreciate any help you could give me to obtain a position aboard the Kaiulani.

Hoping that you and your family remain in good health, I am

Sincerely yours,

John P. Griffin

OCT 1 1965

4029 Courtland Place So.
Seattle Washington, 98118

The President of the United States,
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

Having Two children and being ask by my youngest severial times "Daddy when are you going to work" I feel compeled to writ this letter.

Being a Member of the I.A.M. and an employ of the Boing Co. I cannot answer my child. Without some kind of outside help i feel the present condition that exist will continue for some time. With this in mind one or all of the following could be used as a foundation for an intrem proposial. Each item of dificulty tackled seperately over a given period of time all points of conflict could be resolved.

1. Company to pay double the differincal between the two contracts during the intrim agreement. Union members to forfeit all of the ablve if no seattlement ifs reached within alloted time.
2. The union and company to submit there propasials in an open mass union mearing. All negociators to return to the bargining table for a set time and then return for psable raticifation by the union membership.
3. At a mass meating let the Company propase two or three alternatives for each issue and then let the union membership decide which they would rather have. This to be accomplished under secret ballot without discussion from either party.
4. Form a panel of six men as follows. Two from Manufacturing working under a recently negociated Contract. Two men from industray preferiably from the Vic. President leval or better. Two house wives selected at random. These six are to view the facts and make recomindations for the solution of the diffucality..

As a tax pyer and former serviceman I remain at your service.

John E Griffin

October 15, 1965

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter. He understands the concern which prompted you to share with him your own thoughts and your friend's experiences, and you may be sure that your comments have received careful attention.

It is as difficult to explain prejudice and discrimination as it is to understand war and violence. All are rooted in fear and ignorance, going back to the dawn of civilization. In view of the violent history of mankind, perhaps the questions should not be why prejudice and hatred continue to exist but how we have been as successful as we have in eliminating them from our society. By understanding the means by which progress has been made, perhaps it will be possible to make more progress. As the President has said in the attached speech (which you may wish to read), "An understanding heart by all Americans is another big part of the answer."

As you know, this Administration is taking many steps to assure the rights of all its citizens and to eliminate discrimination. However, none of these goals can be realized overnight, and individual awareness and cooperation are important if there is to be future responsible perceptive leadership in the struggle against racial prejudice, so it is encouraging that you and Janet can put your concern into words.

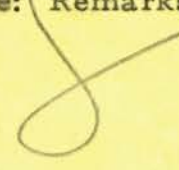
With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. John E. Griffin
42 Third Avenue
Atwater, California 95301

Enclosure: Remarks at Howard University, 6/4/65



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42 Third Ave.
Atwater, Calif. 95301

September 28, 1965

My dear Mr. President:

I recently received a disturbing letter from my girlfriend who is living in Louisiana. As both our father's are in the U.S.A.F., we have had a chance to travel around. We met each other while stationed in Tokyo, Japan, and since June, we both have been in the states.

The life of an Air Force kid, while living in a foreign country, is different; in respects to living with his fellow humans. Somehow we are capable of finding little fault with those whose skin happens to be black. No one finds it a sin if you wish to be good friends with a negro. What's most important, and what all this amounts to, is that we are able to commute with one another while at the same time find goodness too.

Since my girlfriend, Janet, and I have been back, the situation of the racial problem has, to a certain degree, exploded in our faces. A certain problem arose, and this is it as it

was told to me by Janet:

I wasn't going to ask you for advice, but things have gotten out of hand. I had forgotten about how people in the South feel about the matter. There is a negro girl that rides the same bus I do. I have talked with her several times. She is always so happy, no matter what some people call her. We had a test, and she came in and sat down beside me. There was no other seat. I answered some questions for her that she needed to know about the test. She is a very sweet and intelligent girl. Because I talked to her, some boys started calling her names. After the test, I could hear them calling to me; "That girl is a 'Nigger' lover." You can see how much this has upset me. I tried to forget about them, but I couldn't; because they just kept pointing at me, repeating those horrible words along with others. Johnny, let's never live in the South; I hate this place.

Sir, what am I to tell her? Would it be wrong to advise her to do what she feels right? Tell her to ignore the boys? I realize they're only boys, but she had more to say.

Many of the teachers here are just as bad. My history teacher calls them 'Niggers' and talks badly of them. A friend I met, told me his teachers are the same way.

One may excuse the students, though I never will, but to have teachers to influence the bad to worse, is most unforgivable.

Janet is trying to run from the problem, but by the time either of us should be ready to marry and at the rate the racial problem is multiplying, we would have to move to a foreign country.

I had a girlfriend that I met in Tokyo, and when she came back to the United States, all that she ever found good in it; all the good Christian love she had for people, soon left. All her letters spoke of hate. My particular feelings were much the same.

Sir, perhaps I'm just a frustrated person, trying to find some answers that can't be answered, however, I have trust that you will personally help me out. I felt you were the only person I could get correct answers from.

Most sincerely,
John E. Griffin

November 19, 1965

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter. He appreciates your letting him know that you are in accord with his position regarding Viet-Nam, and he is grateful for your expression of confidence and support.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. John W. Griffin
Secretary
The Greater Lawrence-Haverhill
Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO
Post Office Box 1015
Lawrence, Massachusetts

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Respectfully referred
for attention and
appropriate handling.

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

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THE GREATER LAWRENCE - HAVERHILL CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL

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JOHN W. GRIFFIN, SECRETARY
P. O. BOX 1015
LAWRENCE, MASS.

November 10, 1965

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

Dear President Johnson:

We wish to take this opportunity to advise you that the Greater Lawrence-Haverhill Central Council concurs with the position taken by the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO in support of your position in Viet Nam. We wish you every success in this and all your endeavors.

With best wishes and kind regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John W. Griffin
John W. Griffin
Secretary

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Respectfully referred
for attention and
expedient handling.

Handwritten signature
Forwarded to the President

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John C. Griffin
P.O. Box 234 Beattyville
Kentucky.

Deair MR.President.

I Jöhn C. Griffin whom lives at Old Landing K.Y.

now owns an grocery store and two homes with about 85 acres of land would like to have the assistances of the us goverment on building an appartement building for the old eldery people . as thire are several of them that cant even get out because of the places where they have to live . you know and i know that in their early days they helped us now i would like to build this building labor free i have a nice location for this old fokes home where thire can be a little pleasure left in their lifes want you help us i would have a small fee per month which would be based on how much they draw then i would in return send the money back to the treasury of the united states untail the entire sum was payed plus entrest.

the building is to be a two story building with all the modern conviences to make their lives more enjoyable .

sir i am a carpentery and heve ben for 9 years
want you please help us with this project
as it is not possible for me to do this alone

thank you verry much

signed your friend and the publics

J. C. Griffin.

December 20, 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable
W. Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

I have approved the appointment of
Mr. John E. Griffin to the position of Staff Assistant, GS-15,
Office of the Assistant Chief Medical Director, Plans and
Coordination, Department of Medicine and Surgery.
Mr. Griffin presently serves as Staff Assistant, GS-14,
Office of the Deputy Assistant Chief Medical Director,
Plans and Coordination.

There has been no interest expressed in
Mr. Griffin or in this position.

W. J. DRIVER
Administrator

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Mr. John Glesner Griffin
485 Bancroft St.
Imlay City, Michigan
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Respectfully referred for
appropriate reply. Not
acknowledged by this office.

Paul W. Topp
Assistant to the President

Mr. Lyndon B. Johnson
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I have been deprived of my Government Life Insurance because
of the negligence of one Dr. Donald P. Harrington, D.O.

Mr. President, I soldiered, honorably, in two wars (combat),
both World War II, and the Korean conflict. I am a teacher,
just as you were many years ago. I'm still a teacher, 51 years
old, and I feel that I am entitled to the re-in-instatement of
my Government Life Insurance.

Mr. Johnson, I implore you to intervene in my behalf!!! My
application was submitted according to instructions from the
V.A. All qualifications were met except, the negligence of
Dr. Harrington.

Mr. President, may I request your personal attention to this
personal deprivation.

All correspondence concerning this application and disapproval
is herin enclosed.

God Bless You, Mr. Johnson, You are a President of the "Common
Man", and the "Great Society", . . . If the American Soldier
of the "Past" is not treated fairly - then henwill become a
person - not in favor of present "American" government.

God Bless You, Mr. President,

John Glesner Griffin
John Glesner Griffin



MARIST COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

February 2, 1966

Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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If they are available from your office, I
would like to obtain a copy of the current
Economic Report of the President and The Federal
Budget in Brief.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

John J. Griffin, Jr.
Instructor

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

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P. O. BOX 1015
LAWRENCE, MASS.

January 18, 1966

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

Dear President Johnson:

The Yarmouth Castle disaster of last November vividly brings to mind the matter of run-away flag shipping which has been so detrimental to the maritime industry of this country. We condemn the various departments of our government, who by their policies, have supported runaway-shipping at the expense of our own Merchant Marine and maritime shipping as a whole.

We sincerely urge you to give your support to any remedial legislation which will correct this situation in this industry, an industry which is so essential both in war and peace.

Trusting that you will give this request your serious consideration and wishing you every success in your endeavors, I remain

Sincerely yours,

John W. Griffin
John W. Griffin, Secretary

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Sent 2/11/66

835⁵⁰/₁₆ Street
Fort Dodge, Iowa
January 17, 1966

Dear Mr. Johnson

I am writing this letter because I
would like an autographed picture of you.

Yours truly
John Griffin



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1014 South 36th Ave.
Yakima, Washington 98902
February 12, 1966

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:


I would very much appreciate it, if you would send me some information on the White House, and something about the history of Washington. This is for one of our sixth grade class projects. I would also like to have a picture of you, if possible.

Thank you.

Very respectfully
yours;

John Griffin

John Griffin



March 25, 1966

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Your request for a "Texas" hat has been received. It would be a pleasure to send you one but for the fact that the President keeps only a small supply of these hats for the purpose of giving them out personally. For this reason they are not available for general distribution.

Thank you for writing; your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mr. John C. Griffin
1613-10th Street, West
Kirkland, Washington

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LBJ Hat
for retirement gift

1613-10th St. W.
Kirkland, Wash.
March 20, 1966

President Lyndon B. Johnson
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington D. C.

c/s 2 A
Re: Van C. Griffin
405 Hays
Seattle, Washington
Retiring Referee of Bankruptcy

Dear Mr. President:

I am the Grandson of a great American and family patriarch. I am writing this letter to you in the hopes that you might be able to congratulate a man who has served the Federal Government faithfully for more than twenty-two years.

// My Grandfather is retiring on March 31, 1966 at age 78. For the past twenty-two years he has been the Referee in Bankruptcy for the Seattle Area. This, I believe is his most prominent qualification for the coveted L. B. J. Texas Ten-Gallon Hat. His other qualifications are that he is a past president of the National Association of Referees in Bankruptcy. Third, he has always been a good democrat. He was a founder and a past president of the Young Democrats of the State of Washington. His fourth qualification is that in the 1930's he ran for the Washington State House of Representatives. His fifth qualification is that he is a Southerner believing that all men are created equal.

// I know that it would be the greatest thrill of his life if you would award him a Texas Ten-Gallon Hat for his service to his country, his political party, his people and his family.

Sincerely Yours,

John C. Griffin
John C. Griffin

P.S. The hat size is 7 5/8". Thank you for your consideration.

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23 Dear Avenue
Plateau, Alabama

Dear Mr. Johnson

I'm John Otis Griffin, and I am
a senior at the Mobile County Training
High School.

I would love to go to college,
but my parents are unable to send
me, because of financial problems.

Will you please send me all
information on how I can get into
college. I would love to get a
loan if possible. The college I would
like to go to is the Alabama A. and M. College.

If I can go, I will work as
much as I can to help myself.

Mr. Johnson, I love school and
I would love to be a teacher in
Business Education. So again, will
you please help me.

Thank you very much, and I
appreciate all the information

you can give me on entering
college. Again thank you.

Sincerely yours,
John A. Griffin

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

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REFERRAL

To: Mr. John Steadman
Department of Defense

Date:
31 March 1966

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:

(For determination as to whether a Condolence Ltr should be forwarded to the family):

Received White House (29 Mar 66)
Received Armed Forces Aide (31 Mar 66)

Description:

☒ Letter: ☐ Telegram; Other:

To: The President

From: Leo E. Keenan, Jr., 133 North Barry Street, Olean, New York

Date: 28 March 1966

Subject: Requesting an Condolence Letter be forwarded to the family of Cadet John T. Griffin, who was killed in an auto accident.

By direction of the President:

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

(White House File Copy)

ACK. AID TO EDUCATION LTR.

January 30, 1964
1638 Kimmore
Dearborn Michigan

Dear Mr President

I am very please to read of
your proposal to include
parochial schools in your
program of financial help
to needy schools and poverty-
stricken areas. I strongly
support you and the parties
feeling in this matter. I am
Catholic and have long felt
that my tax dollars should be
used in education of my children
even though they attend a
parochial school. We pray for you
to help you guide the country in these
trying times. Respectfully
John D Griffin

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EXECUTIVE

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Griffin:

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of your son, Cadet John T. Griffin, United States Air Force Academy, as the result of an automobile accident near Page, Arizona.

Your son's great love for his country was evidenced by his desire to become an officer in our Air Force. I share your pride in Cadet Griffin, for he displayed physical energies, vision and integrity essential for leadership. Your son's fine qualities won him the distinction of being selected to attend our Air Force Academy.

Although words can offer little comfort, I hope you will find some measure of consolation in the knowledge that your fellow Americans share your sorrow.

Mrs. Johnson joins me in extending our personal sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Griffin
Lillibridge Road
Portville, New York

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c/o Mr. Delfin Nielo^X
P.O. BOX 273, Manila, Philippines
May 25, 1966

His Excellency
Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States of America
White House, Washington D.C.,
U.S.A.

My dear Mr. President:

I am the wife of Sgt. John W. Griffin^X, AF-34413761, an ex-Serviceman of the United States Air Force who retired from the service for reason of mental illness. Due to his recent retirement and illness, I lost contact with my husband.

Sir, the purpose of this letter is to solicit your kind personal assistance to please intercede for and in my behalf in locating the present whereabouts of my husband whom I have an existing marriage contract executed in the Philippines. I am in dire need of his financial support. My alimony from my husband was stopped, since last January 1964 and I never heard of him since then.

Sir, I respectfully enclosed herewith three (3) photostat copies of letters addressed to me by a General of the United States Air Force. I firmly believe that these letters will give help to your good office in locating my husband.

Sir, I would be very grateful for whatever assistance you could extend to me and hoping to merit your most favorable consideration and sympathetic action regarding the matter, I am

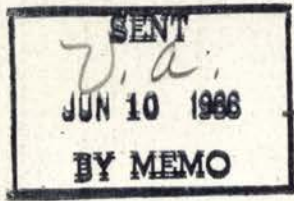
Very respectfully,

Anecita Nielo Griffin
ANECITA NIELO GRIFFIN

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Falls City Nebr
June 8 1966

The president of the U.S.A
Washington
D.C.

Dear president Johnson:

I am seventy one (71) years old
and from a long time of Democrats
+ have only voted for one republican
in my life, (A Governor of Mo)

when I went home I told
my father about it, + he said
"why sister you voted against
the best man on our ticket."

So I ask the Lord to forgive me
+ I wouldn't never do it again."

My husband is a WWII Veteran
will you please give them special
attention + help to get them more
pension.

Thank you very kindly.
Mrs John Luffman
806 Stone St
Falls City Nebr
68353

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June 13, 1966

The following letters to the President are PRO increase in pension for World War I veterans and widows. Letters referred to the Veterans Administration.

COBB, William, 55 Tenney St., Dunkirk, N.Y., 14048, 6/7/66.
CIVILETT, Mrs. Ann, P.O. Box 172, Fredonia, N.Y., 6/7/66.
UPTON, Mrs. B. H., 586 Lynmore Ave., Macon, Ga., 31206, 6/8/66.
VINCENT, Mrs. Marie C., 12 Davis St., Somersworth, N.H., 03878, 6/7/66.
KLEIN, Anne D., (Mrs. Arthur D. KLEIN), 85 Winthrop Place, Staten Island, N.Y., 10314, 6/7/66.
GRIFFIN, John, 805 Stone St., Falls City, Nebraska, 68355, 6/6/66.
PAGE, Richard B. and Marie R., 1283 16th St., S.E., Paris, Texas, 75460, 6/3/66. /PAGE
BALBACH, Mrs. Helen M., 2164 Richmond Road, Staten Island, N.Y., 10306, 6/8/66.
SNYDER, Mrs. Fred E., 463 Ridgeland Ave., Valparaiso, Indiana, 46383, 6/7/66.
PAZOUR, Ellen, (Mrs. John H. PAZOUR), 1925 Douglas Court, Marion, Iowa, 52302, 6/7/66.
PIAGET, Mrs. Esther M., P.O. Box 134, Lehigh Acres, Florida, 33936, 6/7/66.
PETERSEN, Cecilia, (Mrs. H. PETERSEN), 23 Alvine Ave., Staten Island, N.Y., 10312, 6/7/66.
WHITMEYER, Joseph F., Strawbridge & McCloud Barracks, Reading, Pa., 6/9/66.
MAGNUSON, Mr. and Mrs. H. L., Hancock, N.Y., am 6/8/66.
FOURNIER, Mrs. D. A., Box 866, Lewiston, Maine, 04241, 6/7/66.
KUNZIG, Amelia and Matthew, 29 Warren St., Stapleton, Staten Island, N.Y., 10304, 6/6/66. /KUNZIG
BROUGHER, Edith, 121 South Gum St., North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 6/6/66.
WILLS, Johanna, 740 Roseland Dr., Apt. 2, West Palm Beach, Florida, 6/6/66.
BROUGHER, Joseph A., 121 S. Gum St., North Vernon, Indiana, 47265, 6/6/66.
BIGLER, Ruth and Edward, RFD 1, Valparaiso, Ind., 46383, 6/6/66. BIGLER
BROWNING, Mrs. C. W., 300 E. 10th, Lamar, Mo., 6/6/66.
WAGNER, Mrs. Margaret E., 115 Presbyterian Ave., Madison, Ind., 47250, 6/7/66.
MACH, Frank, 1304 Pulaski Place, East Chicago, Ind., 46312, 6/4/66.
DIXON, Mrs. Annie J., 1140 Witterman St., McComb, Miss., 39648, 6/7/66.
BURCH, Mrs. George W., The Coach House, Box 4401, Palmetto, Fla., 33561, 6/7/66. DAMELIO
DAMELIO, Guy and Adeline, Palmetto, Fla., 6/2/66.
HAYNES, Mrs. Everett G., 601 - 24th Ave. W., Bradenton, Fla., 33505, 6/3/66.
BOLLAN, Mrs. Martha, Ave. F, 75, Bradenton, Florida, (Bradenton Trailer Park), 33505, 6/7/66.
EDWARDS, Grover and Nita, 1506 12th Ave., Palmetto, Fla., 33561, 6/8/66. EDWARDS
PFENNINGER, Clyde and Waltrude, 230 Pearl St., Lock Haven, Pa., 17745, 6/9/66. PFENNINGER

July 6, 1966

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Your letter to President Johnson has been received,
and your interest is appreciated.

Regarding your suggestion, may I explain that
except in unusual circumstances, the President
does not issue proclamations designating periods
for special observance unless authorized to do
so by a Congressional resolution.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. John Griffin
65 Arizona Street
Fall River, Massachusetts

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65 Arizona St.

June 28, 1966

Fall River, Mass.

Proclaim
Grandparents Day

July 6/66

Dear Mr. President,

I hope you don't think this letter is silly but I know you like to read all the mail you receive. This may not seem important to a man of your stature and I don't know if you'll have the time but here is what I wanted to say. We have a mothers day and a fathers day in our country which is very nice and honors all fathers and mothers. Well I was thinking the other day of how children love to visit or be visited by their grandmothers and grandfathers even more than their aunts, uncles, friends or anybody else. I know we have a lot of holidays and to make a day for both of them at different times would be

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hard so if you could
pass a bill to make
January the month to
call a holiday, grand parents
day. children could visit them
buy them presents. It may
sound foolish but I think
it would make a lot of
grandparents feel proud.
Will whatever the answer please
write back.

P.S. if you could send me
a petition for people to
sign who like the 2 day I
would be very grateful.
If the President hasn't got
to read this please answer
back just the same.

sincerely yours,

John Griffin

July 6, 1966

Dear Mr. Griffin:

President Johnson has received your telegram about Viet-Nam. He appreciates your support and has asked me to thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. John F. Griffin
14535 Bothell Way
Seattle, Washington

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MR PRESIDENT YOU HAVE MY FULL APPROVAL OF YOUR VIETNAM POLICY
AND I WISH YOU THE BEST

JOHN F GRIFFIN 14535 BOTHELL WAY.

John

60 EAST 42ND STREET
NEW YORK 17, N. Y.

July 27, 1966

Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I never thought that I would ever write a letter which could be considered derogatory to the labor movement. However, the present tie-up of air transportation in this country has proved to me that it is about time that we had some so-called anti-labor legislation. I do not want to go back to the "good old days" but I do believe that something must be done to protect the ordinary citizen against the selfish and destructive power of labor.

Respectfully,


John B. Griffin

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445 WEST BARISTO ROAD
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. President,

I was watching tv. and I saw
your ^{SENT AUG 23 '68} pure white collie.

I love dogs and never saw
a dog like yours.

So will you please, would
you please write me and
tell me how he got that way
and send me a picture of him.

Thank you so much

Sincerely
John Griffin

445 WEST BARISTO ROAD
PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA



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SOUTHERN EDUCATION FOUNDATION

811 CYPRESS STREET, N. E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30308 / 875-0279

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 19, 1966

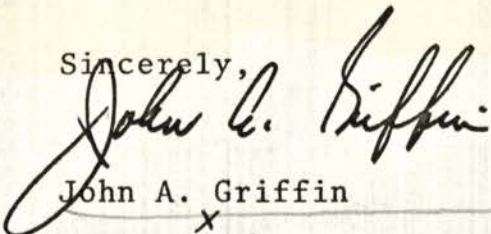
Mr. Joseph Califano
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Califano:

When I was talking with Commissioner Howe about the action taken by the Board of this Foundation urging prompt compliance with the guidelines on school desegregation, he asked me to send a copy of the statement to you. The statement was released to the press and has been mailed to a fairly wide range of persons and institutions with whom the Foundation works and to superintendents of all the school districts in the South.

We hope that the distribution of this statement of support for the U. S. Office of Education may be helpful in persuading school boards to comply without further delay.

Sincerely,


John A. Griffin

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September 11, 1966
Sunday
Newport, R. I.

SEP 17 1966

Dear Mr. President, Sir:

It is with deep regret that I ask your assistance in the following problem.

My name is:

Pvt. E-1 John Paul Griffin
U.S.M.C. 2289939

I joined the Marines April 21, 1966 and liked it very much. I was proud to be a Marine. I was seventeen years of age at the time of my enlistment. Everything went well until I went home for 20 days leave. I then saw a bad financial and domestic problems at home. My mother is in ill health with sclerosis of the liver. She has three minor children in her care. She receives \$35.00 a week for support and is in financial distress.

I believe that due to my mother's ill health and financial distress, that I would do her more good home than in the service. On August 6, 1966 I was due to Report to Camp Lejeune North Carolina, at Marine Corps Supply Schools. I failed to report and was 32 days of unauthorized absence. I am now in the brig in Newport Naval Base.

I would like to serve my four years in the Marine Corps, and come out with an Honorable Discharge. I know I can not do it. Sooner or later I'll be thrown out with a bad conduct discharge.

So I would like your help or advice on getting out on a general discharge, before my name is disgraced. If I have to stay in I will be of no good to the Marine Corp.

I will appreciate a reply and
any advice you will be able
to give me. I will be looking
forward to your reply.

Respectfully Yours,

Pvt. John Paul Griffin 2289939
Security Dept. Code 62. U.S.M.C.
Building 149
United States Naval Station
Newport, Rhode Island 02840

October 7, 1966

Dear Mr. Griffin:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram to President Johnson. All that you say has been noted and your communication is being brought to the attention of officials of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Sincerely,

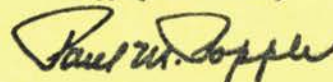
Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. John L. Griffin
X Griffin Hospitals, Inc.
25919 Gading Road
Hayward, California

MW:sal - 2

HEW:

Respectfully referred
for attention and
appropriate handling.



Assistant to the President

OCT 10 1966

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The White House
Washington

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Respectfully referred
for attention and
appropriate handling.

Paul W. Topp
Assistant to the President

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR PRESIDENT JOHNSON I'M SENDING A COPY OF A TELEGRAM TO
YOU WHICH I HOPE IS DIRECTED TO THE PROPER STATE AGENCY THAT
HAS POWER TO CORRECT THIS WRONG I REALIZE THAT THIS IS A
VERY INSIGNIFICANT MATTER TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION BUT I
WAS IN A MEDICARE INFORMATIVE MEETING TODAY AT SAN JOSE CALIF
AND RECEIVED THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT ON OCTOBER 5 THE ONGOING

FORMULA WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC WHICH WOULD MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE
TO GO BEYOND THE JULY 1 RETROACTIVE PERIOD. I AM ONE OF HUNDREDS
OF NURSING HOME PROVIDERS IN CALIFORNIA THAT WILL BE HARMED
BY THIS DECISION IF SOMEONE DOES NOT TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO
CORRECT THIS MATTER RESPECTFULLY

FOLLOWING IS COPY OF TELEGRAM TO MR PAUL WARD, DEPT OF SOCIAL
WELFARE STATE OF CALIF SACRAMENTO CALIF

"DEAR MR WARD, I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE RETROACTIVE PERIOD
FOR MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT, OF WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
IS A PARTICIPANT BE EXTENDED BACK TO MARCH 1 1966 INSTEAD

OF JULY 1 1966 WE HAVE THE REQUIRED UNIFORM ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS
IN EFFECT AT THE ALOHA CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL AT 25919 GADING
ROAD AND CHERRYLAND CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL 21863 VALLEJO
STREET BOTH IN HAYWARD CALIFORNIA IN AS MUCH AS THE
INTENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS WAS TO REIMBURSE ON A
COST BASIS FROM THE CONCEPTION OF MEDICARE A GREAT WRONG
IS BEING FOSTERED AS A PROVIDER OF SERVICE THE DENIAL OF THE
RETROACTIVE PERIOD CAUSES ME LOSS OF MORE THAN \$25,000
RESPECTFULLY"

JOHN L GRIFFIN GRIFFIN HOSPITALS INC 25919 GADING RD
HAYWARD CALIF.

USAFB Sup 1, para. 6a(2) to AFR 214-2 dated 28 Jan 1966, states: and I quote: Exception: When a sponsor elects to have dependents remain at their same station until the school year is completed, they may retain tuition free privileges for that period only. (end of quote)

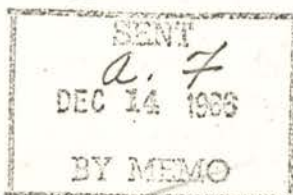
There is a AF housing regulation that says that dependents can stay in base housing 5 months after sponsor leaves on a PCS move, but this does not apply to this base. I am including a suggestion that I have forwarded to the Wing Commander of this base. They have buildings that they cannot use because they say that they ^{HAVE} no supplies to fix them up. I offered to do it myself, I will do anything to get to give my son the education that he is entitled to and I think that if I am willing to sacrifice something as precious as my husband's company and guidance for 4 months that this Air Force after 19½ years of good service and dedication should make some allowance and I would appreciate any help that you can give me.

It seems to me that if we are forced to leave base quarters, that the hardship on our family would be much more than the 700 families as stated in the Base Commander's letter—they get an allowance to subsidise their housing allowance besides their overseas pay, because I want my son to finish his education I am penalised by loss of overseas pay and extra allowance as soon as my sponsor leaves this area.

One more thing before I conclude, I came from Toul-Rosierres AB and I know that you heard about that base and the surrounding area and the housing problems we had there. I lived 32 kilometers from the base in St. Mihiel, France. I spent 13 months on the French economy and I know that the personnel here have a good assignment. According to every other base and fort that we have been assigned to, time in rank and in the area count towards getting into housing. I spent my time on the economy and I don't think that I should have to go back. Finally in conclusion I would like you to know that this is the first time in our service career that I have ever written a Letter to anyone to complain and I have met some fine people and worked under some good officers, but for a Commander of a base as large and as important as Wheelus AB is, to sign a letter with erroneous information such as the one he sent to me, something should be done to correct it.

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Muriel Griffin
Respectively,
Mrs. John W. Griffin



3 Attach.

1. Sgt. Griffin's letter
2. Commander's answer
3. Suggestion to Wing Co.

Dep/Wife

Majt. John W. Luffen

Box 2364 1950-H. Comm. Sqdn
APO. NY. 09231 NY.



MARIST COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Business Department

January 9, 1967

Pass Release

Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of the January
1967 Economic Report of the President and
of the current Budget in Brief. ✓

Thank you,

John J. Griffin Jr.
John J. Griffin Jr.
Instructor

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MAHIST COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.



January 2, 1967

Business Department

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me a copy of the January
1967 Economic Report of the President and
of the current issues in order to

Thank you,

[Handwritten signature]
John A. Sullivan
Director

1/11/67

GENERAL

H42-5

April 27, 1966

Dear Mr. Griffin:

Thank you for sending me the news release
on the action of your Board of Directors.

It is heartening to have your support for the
Office of Education.

Sincerely yours,

Douglass Cater
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. John A. Griffin
Southern Education Foundation
811 Cypress Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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John Griffin
93 Claymont Circle
Tuscaloosa, Alabama..35401

Dear Mr. President,

There are several topics at present which I am very much concerned with, and I would like a reply on my questions. First, the main thing which worries me and my peers is the war in Veitnam. I've heard several speeches by LBJ on the topic Veitnam and how long it is expected to last and that big step-up method. But there hasn't been a big enough change or getting closer to the end. I believe that if there was a big step-up we could win it within a few months. Is this possible and if not why? I would like very much to have a satisfactory answer. And by the way I'm axstrong believer in that war.

Many people I know are very much against it, that is the poverty program mostly in the Appalachians. Many people of course always object. Why do you believe so much in helping these people? Don't you think you should just give them a little and let them do as they wish. Why do you keep just sending them money and supplies and they give back nothing or very little? Please give me an answer.....

Very sincerely yours,

John M. Griffin
John M. Griffin

NAVY
USMC APR 24 1967
Dear Sir

POT John F. Sullivan 2267531
Building 110 MC RD
San Diego California 92161



I am a private in the U.S.M.C.
and have been in for almost
a year. I came in on the 10
of June and I am still in Boot
camp. I have spent most of
my time in the Depot Brig
here at MC RD San Diego,
California. I have had three
Court Marshalls for going
U.A. and spent my time
in the Brig which they
thought they should reha-
bilitate me and send

Back to duty but it wont
work because I have been
in and out of this Brig and
every time I would go U.A
agin. I have gone U.A five
times and if I have to I
will go 50 more times to
get out. Sir I have nothing
against my country because
I love it with all my heart
but I just cant make
it as a Marine or any of
Services man I just
want out of this

kind of life. I told this
people here about it and they
say we'll were go to keep
a a " " like y around
and serve a few years before
we'll let you out. I they
are prejudiced against me
that why they want to keep
plaining there games to keep
me around. Sir I am afraid
if they keep it up much long
I am going to hunt someone
or get hurt my self in
the process. and

get in a lot more trouble
then I am in now. and I
don't want that because I never
was in jail or in any trouble
in my life before I come in
the Marine Corp. I am 21
years old and never been in
such of a mess as now.

So I would appreciate
any thing you could do in
stepping up a discharge out
of the Corp. and I don't
care what kind it is.

Thank you
very much

Pat J. [unclear]
[unclear] III

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Treasury
(TDS)
MAY 26 1967
JOHN R. GRIFFIN

14431 Wedgeworth Drive
Macianda Heights
Calif 91745

Dear Mr. President,

We were unfortunate enough to lose our equity in apartment buildings thru foreclosure due to the overbuilding condition in southern California on which we had been taking depreciation for nine years-this resulted in an income tax bill for 1965 of \$6630 (a staggering amount by our standards) for which we didn't have the money. However, we have been in close contact with the IR office at 421 S Glendora Ave, West Covina (Collector C.R. Gray), Being responsible citizens we have been paying regularly each month to reduce this debt.

Yesterday, we receive a call from collector Gray demanding the \$2200 outstanding right now, stating he didn't care where the money came from just so he got it-he further stated when told we were driving our old model cars without insurance so we could pay as much as possible as well as keeping our 1967 taxes current "he couldn't care less" as long as he got his money.

We have 2 children a girl 15 and a boy 8½ both these children need health and dental care plus food and clothing and so do we in order that we can work to pay our income tax. I am working more hours than I feel is right for me to be away from my children but I felt by the end of 1967 we would have paid our obligation to the government then I will quit and again be home with my children who need me.

I am writing to you Mr. Johnson because I am angry as I feel injustices are being brought to bear on us in spite of our being responsible Collector Gray is trying to get us in deeper than we are by forcing us into getting a high interest loan to pay him and has threatened to sell our home in order to satisfy this debt which we are dilligently reducing every month. Is this the kind of treatment you think we should have if so, disregard this letter.

Yours very truly

Mrs John R. Griffin

Mrs John R. Griffin

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AUG 26 1967

39 Ballard St.
Jamaica Plain 5
Mass

Mr. President,

I heartily support most of your domestic policies and programs. I am now, and always have been, a Democrat who believes in improving our country through the socially-oriented programs of the Democratic party.

However, it is all too obvious that we are not on the road to victory in Vietnam. We must win in Vietnam, decisively, and as quickly as possible. And subsequently withdraw as quickly as possible. The social and political evolutions and revolutions in Asia will prevail, regardless of the efforts of the western world.

I will support a declaration of war and/or any use of nuclear weapons. I am apposed to sending more men to fight a ground war in Southeast Asia.

The gravity of our domestic problems cannot be minimized, and I feel it is time we turn all our energy and capability back to the homefront.

Sincerely
John V. Griffin

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REC'D. OCT 13 '67

SENT OCT 16 '67

3619 W. 80 84TH Pl.
Chicago, Ill. 60652
October 11, 1967

Dear President Johnson,

I'm writing this letter from my English class. We have fun in school, we watch movies. On Wednesday our school get out at one o'clock. This is my second letter being written to someone the last time I wrote a letter was two months ago. I wrote to the Chicago Cubs they sent me a pictures of themselves. And a diagram of the field. And stickers to put on my window.

JOHN GRIFFIN

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You are cordially invited to a meeting with the heads of National Fraternal Organizations at the White House at 5:30 P.M. Friday, September 22. Please arrive at the Southwest Gate at 5:15 P.M. and present this telegram which is valid for admission of one person only. Also please confirm your acceptance by return wire.

W. Marvin Watson,
Special Assistant to the President.

SABOL, John A., First Catholic Slovak Union of U.S.A.
SABOL, John
BENNETT, Edgar C., First Kansas Life Insurance Association
HUTTON, John A.
BRAUN, Lawrence M., Free Sons of Israel
LIVINGSTON, Milton B.
RANSFORD, R. George, Gleaner Life Insurance Society
MICKLETHWAITE, Stuart B.
WITTMANN, Karl S., Greater Beneficial Union of Pittsburgh
FILSINGER, Karl
TKATCH, Stephen M., Greek Catholic Union of the U.S.A.
MASICH, John
SUDIMACK, Joseph H.
BEKY, Dr. Zoltan, Hugarian Reformed Federation of America
KECSKEMETHY, Joseph
ST. MIKLOSSY, Paul
AVILA, T.A., I.D.E.S. of California
VALIM, John J.
PROBST, Louis E., Independent Order of Foresters
HOOD, Wharton F.
GOODINE, Vanderbilt, Independent Order of St. Luke
SCOTT, Horace H.
NELSON, Herbert J., Independent Order of Svithiod
EKMAN, Harold G.
WINTER, Everet G., Independent Order of Vikings
BERGREN, Ruth E.,
ALDISERT, Ruggero J., ISDA Fraternal Association
PROCOPIO, Angelo C.
BULGER, J.I., Italo American National Union
COCCIA, D.F.
GAZDA, Ernest J., Junior Order United American Mechanics
WILMETH, Clyde F.
SMITH, P.M., Knights and Daughters of Tabor
WILSON, W.G.,
McDEVITT, John W., Knights of Columbus
GRIFFIN, John H.
SULLIVAN, D. Francis
KARRMANN, Edward M., Knights of Pythias-Insurance Department
THOMPSON, J. Harold
LEAVY, Bertha M., Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association
LASKEY, Dorothy A.
SOTAK, Anna M., Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union
BRISKO, Veronica
CLARKE, Jr., Howard G., Life Insurance Society of America
MAYFIELD, L.P.
SIMUTIS, Leonard, Lithuanian Roman Catholic Alliance of America
KVETKAS, Wm. T.

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Nov. 12, 1967

Dear Mr. President,

My name is John Triffin.

I go to St. John Brebeuf.

I'm 8 years old. I have 3

brothers and 1 sister, and we

would like to have a picture
of you. Mr. President, how many

letters do you get in one
day? Mr. President how is
it being President of U.S.A?
You must be very busy I guess.

Thank you Mr President,

Master John Griffin
1006 Hamilton Dr. Niles, Ill.
60648



MARIST COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

DEPT. OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

January 17, 1968

PR
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

To assist my classroom instruction in economics and business
I would like to have a copy of the 1968 Economic Report of the
President and of The Budget in Brief.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

John Griffin
Assistant Professor

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MRS. JOHN B. GRIFFIN
18 MONROE AVENUE
LARCHMONT, NEW YORK 10538

State
February 12, 1968

The President
of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Received - referred to
Department of State

FEB 17 1968
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Dear President Johnson:

I beg of you to follow the
program urged by the organiza-
tion known as "Negotiation Now!"

It seems to me to offer the only
hope in this truly critical period
in our country's history.

Faithfully yours,

Elizabeth M. Griffin

March 7, 1968

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

Thank you for your letter to the President.
It was good of you to let him know of your
support for our country's purposes in Viet-Nam.

With the President's best wishes,

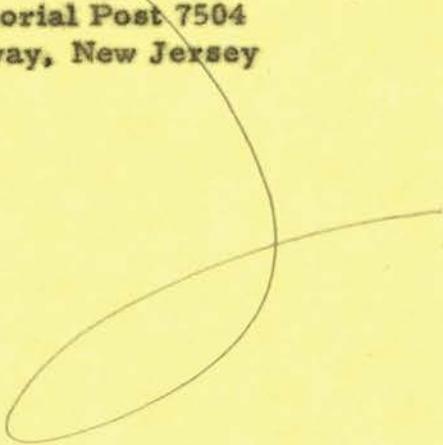
Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. John Griffin
Ladies Auxiliary to Piscataway
Memorial Post 7504
Piscataway, New Jersey

CFH:ph

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Dear President Lyndon B. Johnson

I am a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to *Piscataway Memorial Park*
7504 of *Piscataway* New Jersey.

There is great concern, on my part, as a member of our great organization, in regard to the problem confronting all of us on our stand in Viet Nam. As an elective representative of mine in Washington, I would like to inform you that I do support the position of the U. S. Government in Viet Nam, and support our President of the United States in whatever conviction he has made in regard to our stand in Viet Nam. I also would like you to know that I, as an individual, will do all that I possibly can to support whatever action is needed to conclude the Viet Nam War, but only with the end result being, victory.

I do not stand alone in this feeling, as it is stated by our National Commander-in-Chief, and the mandate of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Convention, Resolution Number 14, which was passed for the third year in a row, and, "urges and supports whatever action is needed to conclude the Viet Nam War in victory".

Sincerely,

① (Mrs.) John Griffin
Pisc.

The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

SIR: I FEEL THAT YOU ARE FULLY MISTAKEN IN EVERYTHING THAT YOU
HAVE SAID THIS EVENING 3/31/68. AND WHAT HAPPENED TO ANDREW

JOHNSON WOULD BE TOO GOOD FOR YOU

JOHN C GRIFFIN 7 NORTH ST PORTLAND ME.

The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

SIR: THE END OF YOUR BROADCAST ON MARCH 31ST 1968 WAS THE MOST
WELCOMING NEWS THAT THIS POOR PERSON HAS RECEIVED IN 10 LONG
YEARS. I HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS POLICY

JOHN C GRIFFIN 7 NORTH ST PORTLAND ME.

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May 23, 1968

FOR: Mr. A. Sydney Skoglund
Department of Agriculture

EXECUTIVE
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CBS

Per our conversation, here for direct reply are telegrams addressed to the President in reaction to the television special, "Hunger in America." Subsequent mail on this subject will be charged to Agriculture in bulk. We would appreciate a copy of one of your responses.
Many thanks.

Whitney Shoemaker

WICKNICK, Fred, Los Alamitos, Calif.	WILSON, W., Cambridge, Mass.
AGOSTINO, Frank, Stamford, Conn.	STEELE, Richard W., San Diego, Calif.
CONDIT, C.M., Pgh.	ADLER, Frances, Sherman Oaks, Calif.
GRIFFIN, John Henry, Oradell, N.Jer.	HENGESCH, Fred, HENGESCH, Dorothea
ROTH, Ed., Archbold, Ohio	GORN, Max, North Hollywood, Calif.
NACKOWSKI, Catherine, Manchester, Conn.	PARKER, Hershel, Evanston, Ill.
LEONE, George, Alexandria, Va.	WEINSTOCK, Edward MAEL, Rosalind
FLOYD, Roger, Waterbury, Conn.	HUMMER, Paul, Pittsburgh, Pa.
QUILIA, Frank, Syracuse, N.Y.	GIBBOEY, Louise, Sacramento, Calif.
SMITH, Leroy, Marblehead, Mass.	SCOTT, Joseph A., San Jose, Calif.
BUCHWALD, J., San Francisco, Calif.	GES, Virginia, Memphis, Tenn.
SHURE, Henry M., Reseda, Calif.	BURKE, Thomas, Wash., D.C.
CASE, Richard, Eugene, Org.	KNISS, Kenneth C., Topeka, Kans.
TARABA, George J., Levittown, Pa.	LAMM, James L., Iowa City, Iowa
BIBER, J., Mill Valley, Calif.	TEW, William, Richmond, Va.
DIAMOND, Jack, Hollywood, Calif.	BELLOS, Neal, BELLOS, Gwynne
KITZES, Arnold, Pittsburgh, Pa.	HAMMOND, John HAMMOND, Betty
PATRICK, Stanley, Phila. Pa.	CURRIER, Robert, Providence, R.I.
MADOFF, Henry R., Pittsburgh, Pa.	RANNEY, Richard R., Alexandria, Va.
CASSIDY, Thomas V., Ridgefield, Conn.	YARMOSKY, Jack, Baltimore, Md.
BOERNER, David, BOERNER, Phyllis	PECKNAM, Darrel, Auburn, N.Y.
BAY, Charles, Jacksonville, Fla.	LOESCHER, Samuel M., Bloomington, Ind.
NIETO, R., San Rafael, Calif.	HARRIS, Ronald, Piscataway, N.Jer.
ROAZEN, Harvey, Westfield, Mass.	LEVY, Theodore J., Wayne, N.Jer.
DAVEY, P.J., Chicago, Ill	McKENNA, Florence, Santa Monica, Calif.
CHUTICK, Robert, Forest Hills, NY	BACHTA, L., Syracuse, N.Y.
RICHARDS, Lloyd, NYC	WOODS, David F., Long Meadow, Mass.
SPLETZER, Phillip, Brooklyn, N.Y.	SCHUBRING, B.H., Prairie, Wisc.
BERMAN, B., NYC	BLANDO, Bill BLANDO, Betty
LEVY, Rene C., NYC	MONTPAS, H., Atlantic City, N.Jer.
SMITH, Nell, NYC	ALVES, Manuel, Oakland, Calif.
FLOYD, Paul, Houston, Tex.	WESTAWAY, Suzanne, Oakland, Calif.
KRAUSE, Catherine, Elmhurst, N.Y.	STEIGMAN, William, Evanston, Ill.
SWANBERG, William, Atherton, Calif.	WEST, John WEST, Guida
KUNZ, Jean T., Claremont, Calif.	FARMER, John J., Northridge, Calif.
SEIBLE SCHOOL, Denver, Colo.	CHENEY, M.A., Santa Ana, Calif.
BAKER, Cy., NYC	STURGEON, Carl E., Kansas City, Mo.
TUTHILL, Gordon S., New London, Conn.	STANBROUGH, John, LosA
Hebling, Jr. John L., HEBLING, Thomas S	NIENSTEDT, John, Universal City, Tex.
HEBLING, John J.	WILLIAMS, Richard, Memphis, Tenn.
WUNDERMAN, Mark	JONES, Roy
GROTKE, David, GROTKE, Linda, BACHTA, Al	GOLDBERG, Walter P.

June 13, 1968

Dear Mr. Griffin:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent telegram in which you recommend Mr. Maurice B. Mitchell for appointment to the President's Commission to Study Violence.

Your interest is appreciated, and I can assure you that your recommendation will be carefully considered.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant

Mr. John L. Griffin
611 Midland Savings Building
Denver, Colorado

MBC:rba



June 26, 1968

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Dear Mrs. Griffin:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter.

Because of your interest in more stringent gun controls, you may want to read the President's message to Congress on "The People's Right to Protection." The enclosed copy comes to you with his appreciation.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. John B. Griffin
18 Monroe Avenue
Larchmont, New York 10538

Enclosure: (Message to Congress 6/24/68)

July 5, 1968
M.D. 3 Box 87
Rhinebeck, N.Y.
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JUL 15 1968

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

This week I have witnessed the President's
office used to threaten my Constitutional rights. Some
will argue that the right to bear arms is not
guaranteed in the Constitution. Remember this always
that when our Constitution was framed those who
wrote its safeguards knew only too well that each
man woman and child would be needed to protect
freedom. Arms were not well established in
the colonies, and ~~the~~ Washington himself prevented
a dictatorship from being born in trying times.

At this moment I cannot prove that you are
an American nor can I prove that our nation
is in such a sad state of affairs. I can not
prove either that our govt. may pass such a
bill as you propose. I'd help us if they do.

JUL 15 1968

I am an American, for as long as I can remember I have cherished these words. I have placed my faith in our leadership for I trusted them to protect my sacred freedoms, but I have been wronged. I have misplaced my faith and million upon millions like myself are now endangered.

Sir: It is not a small right which you ask me to give up. It is a right guaranteed by blood of Americans around the globe. A few days ago we gave up a ship with 90 American sailor aboard. We gave up this ship without a fight. I wonder how they feel today? I wonder if they would give their services again in the defense of a country who would make good the guarantee of protection as America. God help us how much must we give?

JUL 15 1968

Today you say we are faced with a slight inconvenience of gun registration. It is not inconvenience it is tyranny. It is a known fact that registering rifles and shotguns will not prevent killing. However it will serve to tax a free people once more. Sir: God grant you the wisdom of truth I pray this in the name of Jesus. We are a free people and because we have tested freedom we must always remain free. If it were possible to invade ~~of~~ our nation tomorrow and break our armies in defeat, there is no nation on the face of the earth who could suppress us as we stand today. Kill our pride in our political system disarm us, and what I ask is, ^{left} worth fighting for.

I remember always these words said by Patrick Henry. "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it Almighty God."

JUL 15 1968

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may God give you wisdom

Respectfully I hope to remain.

John Allen Griffin
GRIFFIN

may the one of those who reads this
letter for our President love mankind enough

AUG 1 1968

Dear Mrs. Griffin:

The untimely death of your husband, Petty Officer John Griffin, is a source of deep regret to me.

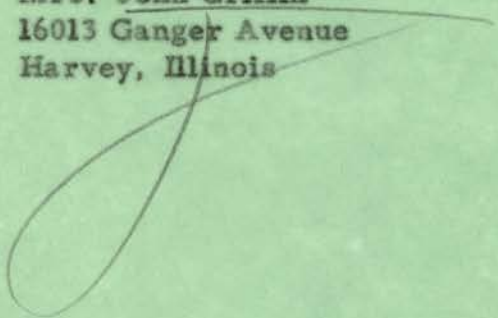
I hope it will comfort you to know that your husband was serving his country in a time of great need. Your grief in his loss is shared by all his countrymen.

Mrs. Johnson and I send our heartfelt sympathy in this time of your sorrow.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mrs. John Griffin
16013 Ganger Avenue
Harvey, Illinois



November 15, 1968

Dear Mr. Griffin:

In acknowledging your letter to President Johnson, let me assure you that your comments on the current negotiations and our policy in Viet-Nam have been fully noted.

The President clearly stated our position in his address of October 31, a copy of which is enclosed. This remains the basis of our policy, and we continue in the hope that the delegation from the Republic of Viet-Nam will arrive in Paris in the near future.

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mr. John A. Griffin
1424 East Hunting Park Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124

Enclosure: P's address of 10/31/68

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Subject: If you could be the means
of saving just ONE life
before Inauguration Day.
November 8-1968

Dear Mr. President:

Being a staunch Democrat, my deepest regrets go to a wonderful man Mr. Humphrey + his Party. An old adage "God knows best + Thy will be Done" Now that Thieu has extended an invitation to Nixon to visit him, I have a vision as follows: With your permission let Nixon accept the invitation for the interview + let Nixon lay it on the line as follows - Now that you have refused to go along + negotiate together with us, we are going to feed you all the "material" you need but will withdraw our troops. This would be a real Democratic way of an Honorable Withdrawal. Don't you feel we have done enough to help + encourage Thieu. Are we going to let him bite the hand that is feeding his Country? May God Bless you + yours. You have done a noble job.

Optimistically yours

John A. Griffin

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November 18, 1968

Dear John:

On behalf of President Johnson, let me thank you for your letter.

Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated, and you may be sure that they have been fully noted.

The President shares your high regard for Vice President Humphrey and -- as noted in the enclosed message -- admires the brave, enlightened and vigorous campaign that he waged.

With the President's best wishes,

Sincerely,

Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

John Griffin
244 Lord Byron Lane
Cockeysville, Maryland 21030

Enclosure: : P's telegram to Vice President Humphrey of 11/6/68

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John Griffin
244 Lord Byron Lane
Cockeysville, Md
21030

Dear President Johnson, or your secretary.

I am not a taxpayer, but I would appreciate if you would answer my letter anyway. The presidential election are coming up quite soon, though by the time this letter is received by you, America will already know who or whom her president is. By the way, you're probably aware that elections are coming soon, you know with all the news and such. I've written two letters to our president before, But that was to J.F.K. when I was 7 and 8. But that was several years ago. And know I like to receive a letter from the Johnson Administration. And to make you feel better and your answering of this worth while, I shall come to a point. For the first time I realize that this letter has slim chances of getting to you thus, I will change my you to your so gracious secretary. Dear secretary, (excuse me it must be more formal but I feel you're due a change.) I would like to know something about your answering service of the D.C. mail. Are there more men or women secretaries? — Oh, and I would like

to put a word of encouragement in about
your (back to LBJ) administration. And answer
what per cent are good, and dissentful letters?

~~On~~ In my state of Al. I, supporting you for pres
was in the minority group. Then you dropped out
and later I chose my candidate to be H.H.H.
but we moved to Md and I was despised or criticized
for this. In 1960 I was one of the few for JFK but
he won never the less. Now it I feel is

different. Hubert has small relation according
the poles published in "Newsweek". But being
a Humphrey fan I'm hoping Nixon won't have
the majority and it'll be thrown into the House.
Then, they will elect H.H.H. But again it may not
happen. But if you are a H.H.H. fan you will want
to. I'm not sure you know how to answer this.
But you've had a lot of practice (to say the least).

One more thing, I'd like an opinion from you of
what you think of LBJ & H.H.H.? Try and make it
honest. Even though you supposedly work for LBJ.
But make it honest, I've done so with this letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Griffin - a 15 yr. old non-
taxpayer. (lit figing).

P.S. If you're bored, try some coffee, Sanka 97% caffeine free.

P.S.S. My little sister Liz (7) says, "Hi."

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NOV 18 1968

Lyndon B. Johnson
Mr. President.

John L. Griffin, 279 Florence St.,
Turlock, Calif.

Please stop and think. You must stop your law makers. Talking about putting some kind of medicine in the people drinking water to stop Birth Control. Are some kind of medication put in food. Are some kind of juice. As far as I understand it. It's a college professor trying to make him self a big name. By stopping the birth of a baby. It's no ones business who has a child. That is God's business. This man must be stopped. Also stop bringing in the United States the outside people of other countries. And take out of the United States the Communist make no difference who it is. Having the outside people of the world to populate our U.S.A. Is a wrong move. And Mr President, while you still have time make it a Law. Not for any man are men to take upon there self. To stop Birth Control. The people must vote on that subject. Don't you agree sir?

They say in Los Angeles people are looking
older from the smog, a person of 50 looks
as a person of 65 years old caused from smog

Mr Johnson

I know you are a man. And don't
like killing. So Please stop it
before it gets started. Mr Johnson
you have the Power Now. But you
want it you wait to long. Doctors
can take any kind of germ and put
it in our water tanks. Are there
some killer to do it for him. Doctors
are not all perfect or good. They could
also put the germ of Menerditis in
our drinking water. Like a woman
in Texas working for some cracked
doctor. putting the germ of Menerditis
in my father and mother water cooler.
That dam doctor KILLED three 3 of my
brothers and one sister. Now Mr Johnson
would you like for your own people
are close friends to drink the water
to stop birth? That medicine will
kill the seed in man as well as woman.
I do hope I am writing this letter so
you can understand it Please get busy.
I heard this on the Radio News.

Your Friend John L. Griffin

P.S. our next page

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Memo to Files:

Nothing in Files -- as you know -- on the writer or "hero".

No further action necessary...

P.M. 12/22/68
Apt. 9 Box 945
Tucson, Arizona 85705

Eliska Hasek 12/30/68

President L.B. Johnson
Washington, D.C.

Subject: National Recognition for a Texas Hero

Sir:

A fan of yours claims this is just the kind of thing you might do, so after thinking about it a long time I would like to suggest that before you leave the White House you arrange some sort of national recognition for John Howard Griffin, formerly of Mansfield, Texas. Something like the Congressional Medal of Honor would not be too much.

It would have to be awarded posthumously. I understand he died from the effects of what he did-- perhaps cancer.

To appreciate the bravery in what Griffin did, one has only to reflect upon it for awhile. The importance of what he did for his country ~~and the impact he had/can be seen in his report--~~ is having-- published under the title Black Like Me-- and the fact that in the first four years of publication it had gone through two editions and the second edition through 16 printings.

Granting this recognition to Griffin might not win you any votes in Texas, judging from the treatment he received at home 8 years ago. But he is bound to be judged by history more favorably, and there would be poetic justice in having it come from another great Texan of his own time.

Sincerely,

R. C. Leonard

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MARIST COLLEGE
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Business Department

January 7, 1969

PR
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen :

To assist my instruction in classes
in business and economics I would like
to have a copy of the 1969 Economic
Report of the President and also of
The Budget in Brief. ✓

Thank you.

Yours very truly,

John Griffin
Assistant Professor

✓ 1/14/69
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