


March 22, 1965

Dear Joe:

Your long experience in the struggle for equal opportunity makes your judgment most valuable to me.

Thank you for both your wire and your favorable reaction to our latest effort in this important area.

Sincerely,


LYNDON B. JOHNSON

*
Mr. Joseph D. Keenan
2727 29th Street, NW.
Washington, D. C.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

LISTENED WITH GREAT INTEREST AND ADMIRATION TO YOUR SPEECH

WHEN THE CHIPS WERE DOWN AND YOU WERE IN A TOUGH SPOT

YOU CAME THROUGH LIKE A THOROUGHbred

JOE KEENAN.

Mr. Joseph V. Keenan
Res: 2727 29th St. NW
Washington, D.C.

[Internat'l Sec
"Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
1200 15th NW

April 22, 1965

EXECUTIVE

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Dear Mrs. Kellen:

It was thoughtful of you to write to the President following his televised address before a Joint Session of the Congress on voting rights. He is grateful for your expressions of commendation and good will and he, particularly, appreciates your comments concerning Mrs. Johnson and his daughters.

In response to your request, I am pleased to enclose a signed photograph of the President and a picture of the family.

With the President's gratitude for your prayers, and with his best wishes,

Sincerely,

Juanita D. Roberts
Personal Secretary
to the President

Mrs. Nick M. Kellen
2110 Marnel
Houston, Texas

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

March 18, 1965

MEMORANDUM

For: Mr. Jack Valenti

From: The Vice President

Did you see Murray [★]Kempton's _x column? It is
excellent. I am sure the President would like to see
it.

TO V.P. FROM FRANK N
MURRAY KEMPTON



President Johnson Salutes

I THINK THAT, when all but one of us is gone, that last one of us will be telling children about the speech Lyndon Johnson made last night and that, in such a moment, he will be proud again of his people and of himself.

There cannot be anyone alive who knows the names of all the children who carried us and Mr. Johnson to the place where he stood last night.

There was a little boy named James Gordon, who lived right by Clay, Ky., and traveled 20 miles to school because Clay would not take Negro pupils. In the fall of 1956, he heard on the radio that Negroes had been taken in the Sturgis School, 20 miles away.

"Mommy," he said, "if they can go to school in Sturgis, why can't I go to school in Clay."

His mother thought awhile and then she answered:

"If you got the guts to go, I got the guts to take ye."

And so he and she walked down to the school on Monday morning and were turned away by men in overalls with guns. They came back on Tuesday morning.

Harry Briggs was an 8-year-old boy in Clarendon County, South Carolina, in 1949 when his parents, along with those of 30 other Negro children, petitioned the county for a better school. They went in the end to the Supreme Court and Harry Briggs Jr.'s is the name of record on one of the 1954 cases ordering the integration of schools. He grew up, of course, to be graduated from a Negro high school. Two years after the Supreme Court decision, his mother was instructed that she would lose her job as a motel chambermaid unless she took her name off the integration petition.

"They axed me what I wanted," she remembered, "and I said I only wanted for our children what every child in America was getting. So they said I'd have to leave, and I said, 'Do you want me to go today?' And they said yes unless I wanted to go down to that lawyer and make a statement taking my name off. And I said, no, I can't and I haven't worked since. Heck, we been on that petition for seven years."

That petition was just about all they owned.

In May of 1961, the cooks and maids of Montgomery, Ala., were sitting in their First Baptist Church while the federal marshals struggled with, and the local police looked benevolently upon, a mob outside. Those domestics were singing the song that was then called, "We Will Overcome," fighting to believe against all the evidence around them.

But who could have believed that, only 46 months later, a President of the United States would be hollering "We Shall Overcome" across the well of the House of Representatives?

Julia Aaron was a freedom rider that spring and had been beaten when she got off the Greyhound bus at Montgomery. Even so, she and her companions insisted on going on to Jackson, Miss., and the Alabama Guard commandeered the bus on which they had tickets and convoyed it across the state to be met by the Mississippi Guard. It rained at the border while they were changing the guard and Julia Aaron looked out the window at the Mississippi soldiers standing with their bayonets.

"That's terrible," she said very seriously. "Those poor men having to stand there and get wet."

She got off the bus at Jackson and went straight to jail.

I have always thought of them as part of my own history of the United States. But, last night, Lyndon Johnson put the great seal of the President of the United States on their lives and their words and they belong to the history of all of us now.

We have had a few Presidents who bent down to be kind to these people. But last night for the first time we had a President who looked up and saluted them. May God reward them for what they have done to make him what he was last night and us what we may be tomorrow.

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April 5, 1965

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NIGHT LETTER

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Sister Mary Joseph
~~c/o Rt. Rev. Msgr. James Kenny~~
*St. Michael's Home
1380 Arthur Kill Road
Staten Island, New York

I have learned with much pleasure ~~from Rt. Rev. Msgr. James~~
Kenny that you are today observing your fiftieth year of Profession.

On this joyous and memorable occasion, I am delighted to join
your many friends in extending to you hearty greetings and congratulations.

You may recall with pride and satisfaction your many productive
years of dedicated service to God and to your community. May God
bless you and may the years ahead bring you the happiness which is
so rightfully yours.

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON

CC: Mr. Holborn and Central Files

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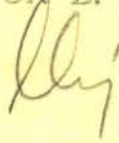
In your letter you mention speeches by past American Presidents. Basically, all of us have had the same task: to redefine our experiment in democracy.

The context differs, but the challenge remains the same: to ensure that our citizens have full rights and a full share in their government.

Thank you for your expression of support, and for writing. Your sentiments are a source of strength to me.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON



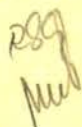
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Mr. I. K. Kessler
Division Vice President
and General Manager
Aerospace Systems Division
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Burlington, Massachusetts



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I. K. KESSLER
DIVISION VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER
AEROSPACE SYSTEMS DIVISION
DEFENSE ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

16 March 1965

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

My dear Mr. President:

Your address to the joint Session of Congress last evening was one of the most courageous and inspiring messages to be delivered by an American President. I believe it will be so remembered in history.

Most thinking Americans, I am certain, will support and endorse your voting rights legislation as morally right and long overdue. May I respectfully state, moreover, that the sincerity and conviction of your message are equally significant in the vitalization of democracy within our nation and to the entire world.

Like many others in the television audience, my pride in being an American citizen was reaffirmed Monday evening.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "I. K. Kessler".

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President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

Your reference to the fact that I have been in the White House for a long time is a reminder of the fact that I have been in the White House for a long time. I believe it will be a long time before I will be in the White House again.

Thank you for your letter. I am very glad to hear that you are well and hope you are enjoying your trip. I am sure you will have a very successful one. I am sure you will have a very successful one.

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Yours respectfully,

John F. Kennedy

EXECUTIVE

March 24, 1965

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Checked by Kardex

Dear Ted:

I am sure you have seldom said so much in so few words -- and I want you to know how very much I appreciate your interest now and your assistance in times past.

Sincerely,

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mr. Theodore W. Kheel
280 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10017

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THEODORE W. KHEEL

280 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10017

March 18, 1965

Dear Mr. President:

You were great!

With kindest regards,

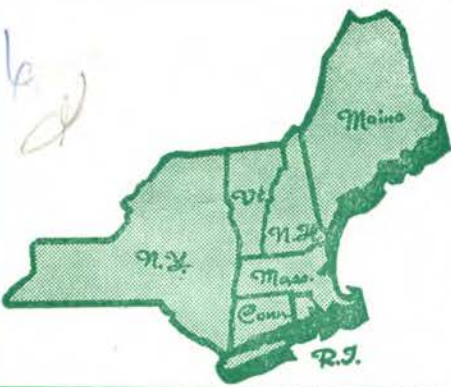
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560 WEST 150th STREET
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May 5, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President,

I am sorry to be so late expressing my deep appreciation for your letter dated March 26, 1965 which was your very kind reply to my letter. The reason for my delay is that my ministry has taken me to Bermuda for a series of lectures and to Atlantic City and Flint Michigan since coming back to the United States.

Now, I wish to say that I am sincerely grateful to you for your great kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me a printed copy of "REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS -, THE AMERICAN PROMISE" (March 15, 1965) I count this a dear treasure.

Please keep me on your mailing list.

Sincerely,

H.W. Kibble

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF
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SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

Dear Sir,

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

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I am sorry to hear that you are having a bad cold, but I hope you will feel better soon. I am sending you a copy of my letter to you, which was sent by air mail. The reason for my delay in replying to you is that I have been very busy with the preparation of the 1965 Yearbook of the Sabbath School Department. I am sure you will find it very interesting and helpful.

I wish to say that I am very grateful to you for your great kindness and thoughtfulness in sending me a printed copy of "REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES - THE 41st President (March 15, 1965)". I count this a great treasure.

I hope you will be well soon.

Sincerely,

Lyndon B. Johnson

EXECUTIVE

SP2-3/HU2-7/Pro/K*

March 26, 1965

Dear Mr. Kibble:

Your letter of support and trust meant much to me.

I believe that if my speech achieved its purpose, it gave expression to the sentiments of the great majority of our people. As you know well, the majority's work is not done until the rights of minorities are secured. I pray for the time and means to advance that work. May I continue to merit the confidence you have expressed in me.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely,



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X
Mr. Harvey W. Kibble
X Northeastern Conference of
Seventh Day Adventists
560 West 150th Street
New York, New York 10031

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HOME MISSIONARY AND SABBATH SCHOOL DEPARTMENTS

March 18, 1965

Mr. Lynden B. Johnson, President
United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Being a native of Alabama I am personally acquainted with the racial problems there and want to congratulate you on your noble stand.

Last November, I was convinced along with most Americans that you were the man of the hour to lead our Great Nation through this terrible time of crisis. But let me tell you that after your recent TV Message to both Houses of Congress, I am convinced more than ever.

During your administration you have faced some grave situations and have had to make some earth-shaking decisions. Your firmness for the right, your determination to see that all men have the full privileges granted under the Constitution and your fearlessness in making the decisions that you must make have show us that you are, as I see it, one of the greatest (if not the greatest) Presidents this Nation has ever had. You have given dignity to the millions of this Nation's minorities.

May God bless and keep you.

Sincerely,

Harvey W. Kibble

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Sincerely,

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March 17, 1965

Checked by Kardex

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Dear Mike:

Your telegram was a bright and happy event in my day.

Of course I am glad that you heartily approved of what I had to say. There really can be no argument about the position that I have taken for there are few issues before the people of this country that are so rooted in rightness - constitutionally, morally, and humanly.

Thank you, my dear friend, for your very kind words.

Sincerely,


LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Honorable Michael J. Kirwan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

MY DEAR MR PRESIDENT

AS ONE WHO HAS LIVED THROUGH THE CENTURY THAT HAS
GIVEN US SIX GREAT PRESIDENTS THEODORE ROOSEVELT,
WOODROW WILSON, FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT, HARRY TRUMAN,
JOHN KENNEDY, AND LYNDON JOHNSON ALL OF WHOM HAVE
WORKED TIRELESSLY AND DILIGENTLY FOR THE BENEFIT OF

HIS FELLOW MAN I WISH TO MOST WHOLEHEARTEDLY
CONGRATULATE YOU UPON YOUR TALK BEFORE THE CONGRESS
TONIGHT. I AM PROUD OF MY PRESIDENT AND MOST THANKFUL
FOR THE OPPORTUNITY THAT HAS BEEN AFFORDED ME
TO WORK WITH YOU GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN GOOD
HEALTH IS MY MOST FERVENT PRAYER. AMERICA AND ITS
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CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL J KIRWAN.



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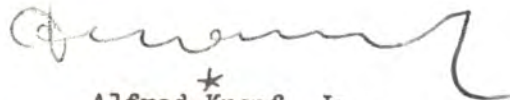
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April 7, 1965

Dear Mr. President:

Just a short note to thank you
indeed for that handsome printed copy of
your Congressional address on Civil Rights.
It is something I know that my children
will treasure for some time to come.

Yours respectfully,



Alfred Knopf, Jr.

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

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Yours respectfully,

[Handwritten signature]

Alfred Russel, Jr.

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

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March 23, 1965

Dear Mr. Knopf:

Thank you for your letter. I am very gratified with your warm approval of my speech to Congress. If, as you suggest, it does make history, it is also the history of our country. We have always responded to the rights of man; the principles that gave us birth are still our principles today. The context changes, but the challenge does not. I am sure that, as a people, we will meet it.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Alfred Knopf, Jr.
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162 East 38th Street
New York, New York 10016

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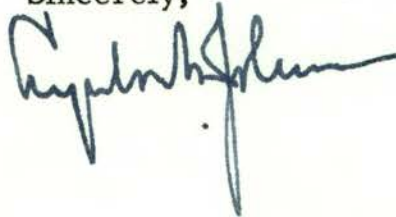
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March 18 1965

Dear Mr. President:

Just a short note to add my small voice
to what should by now be a tremendous roar.
Monday night was an evening which should go
down in the history books showing this nation
and its leadership at its very best.

Yours respectfully,

Alfred Knopf, Jr.

Honorable Lyndon B Johnson
The White House
Washington, D C

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ATTENTION



March 19 1965

Dear Mr. President:

Just a short note to say my small voice
to what should be a tremendous year.
Monday night was an evening which should be
seen in the history books showing this nation

and the leadership of this great land.

Yours respectfully,

Richard Nixon, Jr.

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

EXECUTIVE

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March 18, 1965

Dear Arthur:

Thank you so very much for your wire following my March 15 address to the Congress.

It's comforting to know you approve of the actions we're taking in response to this vital problem.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Mr. Arthur Krim
President
United Artists Corporation
729 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York

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PRESIDENT LYNDON B JOHNSON

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DEAR MR PRESIDENT MOVED AND THRILLED BY YOUR HISTORIC SPEECH
AND BY THE GREAT OVATIONS IN WHICH THE MANY MILLIONS WHO WERE
WATCHING SURELY JOIN MORE POWER TO YOU IN THE INSPIRED LEADERSHIP
YOU CONTINUE TO GIVE TO ALL OF US. BEST ALWAYS

M ARTHUR KRIM

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*President
United Artists Corp
729 Seventh Avenue
New York, New York*

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EXECUTIVE
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March 18, 1965

Dear Dr. King:

I appreciated your generous comments about my address to the Congress and the Nation on the need for voting rights legislation. I sincerely believe that the mood of the country and the Congress offers us an opportunity to secure legislation which will provide a direct, quick, effective and constitutional means of ensuring that all citizens will be able to register and vote.

I fully appreciate the pressures and tensions under which you are laboring and I am confident you will continue to offer a course of leadership that will permit us to move toward our goal of universal suffrage.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
X Southern Christian Leadership Conference
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FORCEFUL WE ARE READY TO JOIN WITH YOU IN A QUICK PASSAGE OF THE VOTING BILL. PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE DEEPLY ENCOURAGED AND INSPIRED BY YOUR SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

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EXECUTIVE

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Dear President Johnson,

I don't write to the President of the United States of America every day, and when I do it's for some good reason. I want to say that the speech you gave to Congress last night was one that I want to be able to tell my children, and their children about. I also want to be able to say that I was only 13 when negroes got the freedom that they have fought for 100 years to get. It goes to show what one speech will do, because, when I saw you on television last night, my mind was changed completely. I used to think that, "Johnson is a flub-a-dub!" My Father, my teacher, and my friends told me that when Johnson does something big he will NOT tell the world about it. Well, I didn't believe them, and when the papers had almost nothing about you and the Civil Rights Movement, I gave you up for good. But, being interested in you still, I saw you ~~last~~ last night, in Congress.

Nothing more need be said on that.

I would be very honored if I could have a small something, or an autograph from you, although I doubt that this letter will ever reach YOU, the President.

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A Confident American,

Keith
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