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Dear Gerry,

First an apology for my hasty deduction of years ago when I first saw Virginia Cha's mother: they are Koreans, not Vietnamese. The mother closed her ice cream and sandwich shop in the mall up for the contest and until yesterday. Or at least I first saw it open then. I'm sure the family enjoyed it all, as they indeed should have!

I've not read Racial Matters but Jerry Hocknight says it is a fine book

I'm inclined to think that it includes materials other than those I obtained but I don't know. I'll give this to Jerry, who may respond if I'm wrong.

I'm not familiar with Hood's problems, costs or charges on xeroxing, if it can do relatively large quantities like those two files, but there is a place in Frederick that xeroxes for 5¢ a sheet. I don't know if they have quantity prices or can handle large jobs. I also don't know what it charges, but University Publications of America borrowed and copies those files, microfilm or microfiche. I think the xeroxes are much easier for students to handle and more likely to excite and stimulate them.

I think Jerry had reasons for not making his conclusions stronger.

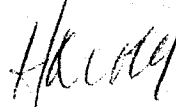
If your students speak to you before Neil Shehan gets there, remember it is to him that Elsie first leaked The Pentagon Papers.

Let us hope that your kids can do as well as the Hixone youngsters in music and in their school work!

I hope Hurricane Hugo and its tropical-storm successor did you no harm. What is left of it is centered to the west of us. From the beginning it reminded me of Hurricane Hazel, of about 25 years ago. That was a bad and very powerful one that did much damage. Although it passed right over us, damage was negligible. But around us it was terrible.

Haynes Johnson's column in today's Washington Post, enclosed, may interest you. First decent thing like that I've seen in the Post for some time.

Best to you all,



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Dear Harold,

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Thanks so much for the recent letters. I enjoyed reading the article on Virginia Cha and glad to see she did so well in the Miss America pageant. She reflects the same kind of spirit I have noted in many Vietnamese immigrants to this country. It is too bad such a spirit does not infect more American students.

Since school started I have been working on a colleague of mine who teaches Black History here to collaborate with me in obtaining those files on the "Invaders" and the Memphis sanitation workers. I gave him copies of Jerry McKnight's articles and I assured him that these articles are very understated. In reading them myself, I thought both of them could have benefitted from stronger conclusions. At this point my history colleague seems receptive to the idea and to possibly team-teaching with me a special course on the FBI and the Civil Rights Movement. Of course, there is much that I need to read in this area myself. In any case, I will probably go ahead on my own if he does not want to go along with me. The book budget for the Sociology Dept. is large enough to accommodate the expense. Also, I plan to talk to the librarian here to obtain some space in the library for all these documents, along with copies of documents I have already obtained from you.

Just this past week I began reading Frame-Up. The parallels with the JFK investigation are interesting and informative. Recently, I saw an ad for a book I believe you recommended to me, entitled Racial Matters. Does that book reflect the information you have obtained regarding the FBI's campaign against civil rights leaders? Do you think it would be a good book to use in a course on the Civil Rights Movement?

Neil Sheehan, author of A Bright Shining Lie, is coming to Spartanburg to speak at the end of October. I will be looking forward to hearing him.

My family is doing fine. We started the kids taking music lessons (Claire - piano and Nick - violin). Hope they do half as well as Elizabeth and Dave Wrone, Jr.. I will be in touch. And send my regards to Lillian.

Best Wishes,

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