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February 6, 1968

Mr. Robert Sirkis
Co-chairman, Conference on
American Civilization
Walter Johnson High School
6400 Rock Spring Drive
Bethesda, Maryland 20014

Dear Mr. Sirkis:

I have told my husband of your letter inviting him to attend your Conference as leader of discussion on the subject of the validity of the Warren Report, and he has asked that I convey to you his appreciation of the honor of being asked.

If his presence is not required in New Orleans at that time, he will be very happy to attend for all four of the projected sessions. At the moment he does not anticipate that he will be away during mid-April.

He expects to arrive home from his current trip on or about February 18. Possibly he will be in a position then to make a more accurate determination of the progress of events in the pending New Orleans court trial.

Should you care to discuss this with him personally, he may be reached at the above-listed telephone number after February 18.

Sincerely

Lillian Weisberg

Fifth Annual
Conference On American Civilization
Montgomery County Region
of
Maryland Association of Student Councils

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

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The fifth annual Conference on American Civilization will be sponsored by the Montgomery County Region of Student Councils on April 16 and 17, 1968, at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland. Last year, the tremendously successful conference was attended by nearly one thousand students from the Eastern Seaboard states and the District of Columbia. The Conference is the first of its kind ever undertaken by a high school organization.

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This year the Conference has once again received the enthusiastic approval and endorsement of the Montgomery County Secondary School Principals' Association; Dr. Homer O. Elseroad, Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools; and Dr. Donald H. Reddick, principal of Walter Johnson High School.

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This year students from all regions of the United States will attend the Conference which will offer two general assemblies, and thirty discussion and debate topics.

DANCE
 Eliza Greene,
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We would be greatly honored with your presence at the Conference as the leader of the discussion topic "The Validity of the Warren Report" to be held twice on each of the two days, with approximately thirty students attending each session. We would like to ask that if you find yourself unable to attend one or both days of the Conference, you might be able to suggest one of your associates who might be interested in participating.

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If you have any questions concerning the Conference, please refer to the enclosed general information sheet or feel free to contact me at Walter Johnson High School (telephone number 469-6266) or at my home (365-0595). We are looking forward to hearing from you soon, and wish to thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,
Robert Sirkis

Robert Sirkis, Co-chairman
Conference on American Civilization

FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

The fifth annual Conference on American Civilization will take place on April 16 and 17, 1968 at Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, Maryland. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils, the conference was conceived to give students an opportunity to discuss subjects of major national interest with outstanding individuals in the respective fields. Nearly 1,000 high school students, representing many of our fifty states and the District of Columbia, are expected to attend.

The format of last year's two day conference, two general assemblies and thirty seminar groups, provided delegates with the opportunity to hear assembly speakers, Carlton Sickles, former Maryland Congressman, and the Honorable William O. Douglas, Associate Justice, Supreme Court of the United States. Some of last year's most outstanding seminars included, "How Much News Really Gets Through," led by columnist Jack Anderson; "Civil Liberties in America," led by Mitchell Rogovin, Assistant Attorney General, United States Department of Justice; "Morality of the Vietnam War," led by Mr. Alan Brownfeld of the Senate Internal Securities Committee; "The Role of the John Birch Society in America," led by Mr. Ernest Brosang, Regional Coordinator for the John Birch Society; and the seminar lead by Mr. Andrew Busby, Chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, "The Student Left."

Maintaining the same general format as last year, the fifth Annual Conference on American Civilization (COAC '68) will commence and conclude with a general assembly. Thirty-one seminars will be conducted on such diverse topics as: "Art: The Mirror of Society," "The Philosophy of Teenagerism," "The Washington Merry-Go-Round," "The Black Power Movement," and "College Football - National Playoff?" The 1968 Conference Steering Committee, in an attempt to increase the student participation in a greater variety of seminar topics, has arranged the COAC schedule so the delegates may elect to attend three one hour discussions each day or two one and one-half hour discussion groups each day.

Without a doubt, COAC '68, is the most unusual and ambitious undertaking attempted by the youth of the State of Maryland. As the Vice President of the United States, Hubert H. Humphrey, expressed it:

Your general assemblies and seminar groups will provide a splendid opportunity to hear, to see, to learn, to teach on problems which do merit our best attention. You and your fellow students have much to contribute - not just in the years ahead, but right now by your enlightened considerations of others' views and presentation of your opinions It is a heartwarming example of student leadership in a dialogue for a better America.

1968 CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN CIVILIZATION DISCUSSION TOPICS

Suggested Topics:

Are Grades Necessary?
Religion in the Twentieth Century
*Civil Liberties and Law Enforcement
Russian Communism
The New Left
Conservatism in America
The Coming Presidential Race
Hippiedom
The Black Power Movement
Vietnam
Changing Moral and Ethical Values
Art: Mirror of Society
How Much News Really Gets Through?
The Philosophy of Teenagerism
The Draft
The Washington Merry-Go-Round
The Influence of Mass Communications Media
Science: It's Moral Responsibility to Society
Modern Poetry
Modern Musical Trends
The American Negro in the South
*Legalize Drugs
The Ugly American
Nuclear Proliferation
The Truth about Civil Turmoil
Ghetto Life in America
Student Power
The Validity of the Warren Report
College Football - National Playoff?
Political Satire
As American as Comic Strips
Protest: Dissent or Treason?

*Proposed debate or panel topics