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President's Council of Black Education Correspondence 1970

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January 30, 1970

Mr. Heald L. Perry  
5227 East 14th Street  
Oakland, California 94601  

Dear Mr. Perry:

Educators have begun to realize that their best laid plans oft go awry when it comes to educating black students. The result has been much distress and disappointment on the part of teachers, administrators and students.

I have done much reading on this point but feel the need of first-hand assistance in understanding and solving the problems, in designing appropriate educational forms for today's black students. I would like to request some distinguished persons from the Black Community to provide me and my staff and my students with this aid.

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Would you be good enough to give me your opinion on this idea, your opinion on my choices for the Council, some suggestions of other possibilities, and an expression of your own availability to serve. I know that you are extremely pressed, but I would deeply appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J.  
President
February 17, 1970

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J.
President
University of San Francisco
2130 Fulton Street
San Francisco, California, 94117

Re: President's Council and Inauguration

Dear Father Jonsen:

I was thrilled to receive a letter from you requesting me to provide an Ethnic Studies program for all of the students. I shall be very happy to do anything necessary to accomplish that goal.

May I also extend my personal congratulations to you for being elevated to the position of President of the University. You will follow in the line of some great men. I wish you every success possible.

If I can be of any further service, please write or call me.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD L. PERRY

HLP/gg
February 16, 1970

Dear Mr. Perry:

I am writing to thank you once more for the invitation to attend the lecture on the new School of Social Science at the University of San Francisco. I am looking forward to the opportunity to meet the faculty and students on Saturday, May 6th. My son, Bert, and I have also received an invitation to the reception and the lecture. Several other inviations have been extended, and I will accept.

I hope that you and your family will be able to join us at the reception. We would be grateful if you could let me know if you would be able to attend.

Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert H. Janson, S.J.
President

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February 16, 1970

Mr. Harold L. Perry
5227 East 14th Street
Oakland, California 94601

Dear Mr. Perry:

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to advise me about the education of Black Students at the University of San Francisco. I am in some need of wise advice and experience. Samuel Kountz of U.C. Medical Center, Mr. Terry A. Francois, and Mr. Burl Toler have also accepted my request. Several other suggestions have been offered which I will pursue.

I hope that sometime within the month of March we might be able to get together for dinner and discussion. My office will be in contact with you about an appropriate date.

Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J.
President

ARJ:fm
January 30, 1970

Dr. Samuel Kuntz
U.C. Medical Center
Parnassus & 3rd
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Kuntz:

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Would you be good enough to give me your opinion on this idea, your opinion on my choices for the Council, some suggestions of other possibilities, and an expression of your own availability to serve. I know that you are extremely pressed, but I would deeply appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J.
President
February 6, 1970

Albert R. Jansen, S. J.
President
University of San Francisco
San Francisco, California 94117

Dear Father Jansen:

Thank you very much for your letter of January 30, 1970 outlining your proposal for organizing a President's Council on Education of Black Students. I think this is an excellent idea and that it should provide an opportunity for exploring in depth some of the problems that surround and contribute to handicaps of black students.

Although I am busy, I feel that this is of sufficient importance so that I would be willing to make any contribution in terms of my time and knowledge.

Thank you very much for the invitation; do let me know when I can be of help.

Sincerely yours,

Samuel L. Kountz, M. D.
Associate Professor of Surgery

SLKrk
February 16, 1970

Dr. Samuel Knutsen
U. S. Medical Center
Fleming 6-174
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Knutsen:

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to advise me about the education of black students at the University of San Francisco. I am in need of wise advice and experience. Mr. Kerr, M. P. F., Mr. Burt, Peter and Mr. Harold Perry have also accepted my request. Several other suggestions have been offered which I will pursue.

I hope that sometime within the month of March we might be able to gather together for dinner and discussion. My office will be in contact with you about an appropriate date.

Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Johnson, M.D.
President

[Signature]
February 16, 1970

Dr. Samuel Kountz
U.C. Medical Center
Parnassus & 3rd
San Francisco, California

Dear Dr. Kountz:

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to advise me about the education of Black Students at the University of San Francisco. I am in some need of wise advice and experience. Mr. Terry A. Francois, Mr. Burl Toler and Mr. Harrold Perry have also accepted my request. Several other suggestions have been offered which I will pursue.

I hope that sometime within the month of March we might be able to get together for dinner and discussion. My office will be in contact with you about an appropriate date.

Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J.
President

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UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94117

Office of the President

January 15, 1976

Hon. Terry A. Francois
Board of Supervisors
235 City Hall
San Francisco, Ca. 94102

Dear Mr. Francois:

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I have done much reading on this point but feel the need of first-hand assistance in understanding and solving the problems, in designing appropriate educational forms for today's black students. I would like to request some distinguished persons from the Black Community to provide me and my staff and my students with this aid.

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Would you be good enough to give me your opinion on this idea, your opinion on my choices for the Council, some suggestions of other possibilities, and an expression of your own availability to serve. I know that you are extremely pressed, but I would deeply appreciate your assistance in this matter.

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J.
President

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[Handwritten note:

Casino tour January 4/2-

[Signature:]

Dr. Stedman Webster, U.C. B-21]
February 16, 1979

Hon. Terry A. Frances
3026 Octopus St.
San Antionio, Texas

Dear Mr. Frances:

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to serve on the Board of Trustees of the University of San Francisco. I am in sore need of wise counsel and experience. Mr. Samuel Bents of U. S. General Partner, Inc., Earl Tozier and Mr. Karl Perry have also accepted my request. Several other suggestions have been offered which I will pursue.

I hope that sometime within the month or two we might be able to bring together for dinner and discussion my office and the Admin. Council. I look forward to meeting you about an appropriate time.

Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert G. James, S.J.
President

P.S. [Handwritten note]
February 16, 1970

Hon. Terry A. Francois  
Board of Supervisors  
235 City Hall  
San Francisco, Ca. 94107

Dear Mr. Francois:

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to advise me about education of Black Students at the University of San Francisco. I am in some need of wise advice and experience. Dr. Samuel Kountz of U.C. Medical Center, Mr. Burl Toler and Mr. Hal Perry have also accepted my request. Several other suggestions have been offered which I will pursue.

I hope that sometime within the month of March we might be able to get together for dinner and discussion. My office will be in contact with you about an appropriate date.

Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J.  
President

ARJ:fm
January 30, 1970

Mr. Buri Toller
531 Crizaba
San Francisco, California 94132

Dear Mr. Toller:

Educators have begun to realize that their best laid plans oft go awry when it comes to educating black students. The result has been much distress and disappointment on the part of teachers, administrators and students.

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Sincerely yours,

Albert R. Jonson, S.J.
President
February 13, 1970

Albert R. Jonsen, S.J., President
University of San Francisco
San Francisco, California 94117

Dear Father President:

I have read with a great deal of interest your letter of January 30. I would be most honored to serve on your President's Council on Education of Black Students. I believe this type of Council would afford these students a wonderful opportunity for assistance which some of them seek so desperately when they feel there is no way to continue their education.

Your suggestion that this Council would confer several times a year seems adequate, in my opinion, with the thought that special meetings be called when necessary. Black students seeking individual counseling, I feel, would be of paramount importance.

The choices you enumerated to serve on your Council are outstanding. I might suggest as another possibility for your consideration, Reverend J. Austell Hall of the A.M.E. Church, 916 Laguna Street.

Your endeavors to continually seek innovative avenues to benefit higher education for our black students are highly commendable.

Thank you very much for inviting me to help. I shall certainly strive to contribute in any way that I can.

Sincerely yours,

Burl A. Toler, Principal
February 16, 1970

Mr. Dui Tolc.
St. Ignatius
San Francisco, California 94132

Dear Mr. Tolc:

I am pleased that you have accepted my invitation to advise me about the education of Black Students at the University of San Francisco. I am in sore need of wise advice and experience. Dr. Samuel Nkomo of U.C. Medical Center, Mr. Mel Perry and Mr. Terry A. Francis have also accepted my request. Several other suggestions have been offered which I will pursue.

I hope that sometime within the month of March we might be able to get together for dinner and discussion. My office will be in contact with you about an appropriate date.

Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert P. Jensen, S.J.
President
February 16, 1970

Mr. Burl Toler

581 Orizaba

San Francisco, California 96133

Dear Mr. Toler:

I am delighted that you have accepted my invitation to advise me about the education of Black Students of the University of San Francisco. I am in some need of wise advice and experience. Dr. Samuel Kountz of U.C. Medical Center, Mr. Hal Perry and Mr. Terry A. Francois have also accepted my request. Several other suggestions have been offered which I will pursue.

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Once again, my most sincere thanks for your generous assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Albert B. Jonsen, S.J.

President

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