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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Facts that cannot be denied are:

Hundreds of millions of Federal dollars are being expended by the "Anti-Poverty" and "War on Poverty" programs to encourage, train and finance the bums, criminals and misfits who have brought near chaos to our Country as they burn, kill and wreck much of America.

These funds are going to programs of the Communists who publicly pledge to "overcome" our Republic and "turn our Country upside down". These Federal dollars go to participants in the Communists' civil rights movements that, under the guise of "equality"; spread Communism and disorder throughout America on behalf of the deadly enemies of this nation.

Other of these Federal dollars, belonging to the achievers of America (the law-abiding citizens of our society) are being used to buy prime television and radio time to encourage, entice and direct bums, beatniks, criminals and Communists to try and find (or make up) complaints against employers, business firms, industry, hospitals, doctors or any level of government. The advertisements then advise the bums, beatniks, criminals and Communists to come to an "Anti-Poverty" government paid attorney and

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together they will attack the employers, business firms, industry, hospitals, doctors and various levels and agencies of government.

Sir, Federal programs such as the ones described herein must be ended. You must know that no nation can stand, that finances its own destruction. These programs being fostered upon the American people are a farce and a sham, that in the guise of helping the poor, have made a police state out of America. Sir, with money being thrown away as outlined herein, plus the fact that other millions go for administrative functions, while millions of the poor, the underprivileged, the helpless and the handicapped get little or no assistance, the "War on Poverty", in reality, is a war on liberty, free enterprise, law and order, the right to private property and the education, welfare, safety and health of the people of America.

The first and foremost responsibility of any government is the protection of the lives and properties of its citizens and the "War on Poverty" programs are contributing to the failure of the United States government to meet this responsibility.

I urge that you give immediate consideration to the formation of a new program, that in reality will help the poverty stricken, the handicapped and the helpless...and when it is made ready for operation, to end the present "War on Poverty" that helps the bums, the criminals, the beatniks and the Communists to wreck and ruin this great land.

Respectfully,


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