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Dear Dr. Allen,

On behalf on Ron Armstead, I'd like to extend you an invitation to a Black History Month program offered by the Oakland Museum of California. The event will be a symposium (with panel discussion), titled "African American Veterans, Voices From The Vietnam Experience". Ron is one of the featured panelist and we feel very fortunate to have his participation.

The event promises to be very exciting and we feel that it is particularly relevant in light of the on-going war we're involved in Iraq. As young soldiers trickle back home, they seem to be undergoing very similar issues and problems that burdened Vietnam veterans.

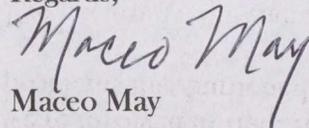
I've enclosed a brochure developed for the event, which outlines the context of the symposium. So, please, join us and participate in a seminal event for the Bay area. Many discussions, seminars and conferences have been held about Vietnam veterans, but few have addressed the status and concerns of the African American veteran of that war.

The event is sponsored by the Oakland Museum of California and will be held Sunday, February 20 - from 2:00 pm until 4:00 pm, with a reception afterwards (from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.) The location is 10th and Oak Sts., Oakland CA.

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Looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards,


Maceo May

Adler & Colvin's 2008 Holiday Card was designed by Priyanki Vora
a 5th grade student at Tenderloin Elementary School in San Francisco.



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plars of *Homo sapiens*, regardless of their time or place, shared characteristics of human nature such as the following (to name only a few): We walk on two legs; we have eyesight less keen than that of an eagle; we require vitamin C from an external source in order to avoid scurvy; we are mortal; we are able to use language to communicate with one another.

Perhaps Mr. Stern will be kind enough to identify and describe those cultures in which the people do not walk on two legs, do not need vitamin C, are not mortal, etc.

Bob Strouse
San Francisco

What Ben Said

Editor: In Patricia Holt's review of "A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America" by Ronald Takaki (June 13), Benjamin Franklin is noted as referring to the "lovely white." This is early Franklin, out of context, and an injustice to my kinsman (first cousin, nine times removed).

I believe he wrote that he preferred the lovely white and red since he was "partial to the complexion of his country for such kind of partiality is natural to mankind." At this period he was outraged at a massacre of Indians in Pennsylvania.

Later in 1763, after visiting the Negro School in Philadelphia, he wrote, "I was on the whole much pleased and have conceived a higher opinion of the natural capacities of the black race than I had ever before entertained. Their apprehension seems quick, their memory as strong and their docility in every respect equal to that of white children. You will wonder perhaps that I should ever doubt it, and I will not undertake to justify my prejudices, nor to account for them..."

This is a rare admission
All American race in originated in Europe and Franklin was certainly becoming less racist than Shakespeare. We have made more progress since 1776, though admittedly there is occasional doubt.

James W. Kasch
Oakland

4/18/94

Dear Mr Allen:

My typist is busy
packing for London to visit
Grand children - back here
in May.

Overland in 1846

Ed. by Dale Morgan
U Nebraska reprint
3 Vol 1993

p 94 "Hawkins left his
home in Missouri an invalid
seeking the Wt. climate for
his health" (he found it

p 133 better back to Missouri
"we are all enjoying much better
health" etc

p 317 (middle of page)
"our friend Capt Berne^{sr}
is in bed by my side" etc

p. 378

note 64th malarial illness¹⁷

In another of Morgan's 100's
of notes, probably also in
Vol One he mentions
malaria as being endemic
in the Mississippi valley
in this period documenting
another letter describing
recurrent fever for years
before going to Oregon c 1840

also: Mind of the South

W. G. Cash Knopf 1941

pp 23-25 hookworm and malaria

and - The Cotton Kingdom by Olmsted
Knopf 1953 Ed: Schlesinger

Here malaria is in the index¹.

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Finally an enclosure - in case
you missed it -

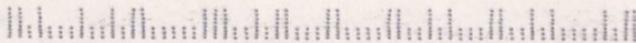
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Dear Professor Allen:

I have read and long admired your work.

I am to chair a session at the forthcoming meetings on the American Sociological Association. The session topic is "Race And The Class Struggle". Included in the session will be papers on the class-racial struggle in Ireland (current), the U.S. during the 1930's, hopefully a presentation by Jean Damu on southern Africa, and several others, including one on unemployment and struggles around it in New Brunswick, N. J.

Could you make a presentation on the subject as it pertains to California? Feel free to take up any current struggles you see fit. However, you might want to include something on the UFW, the Oakland-S.F. conflicts, (as well as those in East L.A.). I apologize for making suggestions, but I as an ex-Californian hungry for an analysis of what has been going on.

I should add that my letter to Damu was sent care of you, since I do not have his address. I told him that I could probably put him up in Chicago at a friend's spacious apartment. Could also provide transportation from California to Chicago (Volks-van, 1974), since I will be spending the summer in B. C. and California. Both invitations, needless to say, apply to you.

Hope to hear from you soon. If you still teach at San Jose State and you know Eileen Eisen (Third World College?), please say hello to her for me.

Sincerely,

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P.S. date of ASA session is Sept. 9th.

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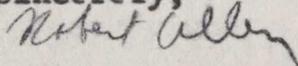
Dear Professor Leggett:

Please forgive my delay in responding to your letter of 27 January. I have been on leave from the Scholar for the past several months and some of my mail was mistakenly not forwarded to my home address. Consequently, it is only now that I have seen your letter.

Thank you for the invitation to make a presentation at the ASA meeting. Unfortunately, it appears likely that I will be traveling at that time and therefore will not be able to meet your request. However, I would strongly recommend that you consider Prof. Harry Edwards as an alternative speaker. No doubt you are aware of Prof. Edwards' present struggle at the Univ. of Calif. I think he could give an excellent talk on current struggles in Calif., especially regarding the Bakke case and other attacks on affirmative action, and his own case. He can be contacted through the Sociology Dept. at Berkeley or via our own Speakers' Bureau (attn: Glory Bevien).

I am sorry that I cannot accept your invitation but I think Harry Edwards would make an excellent and timely substitute.

Sincerely,



Robert Allen