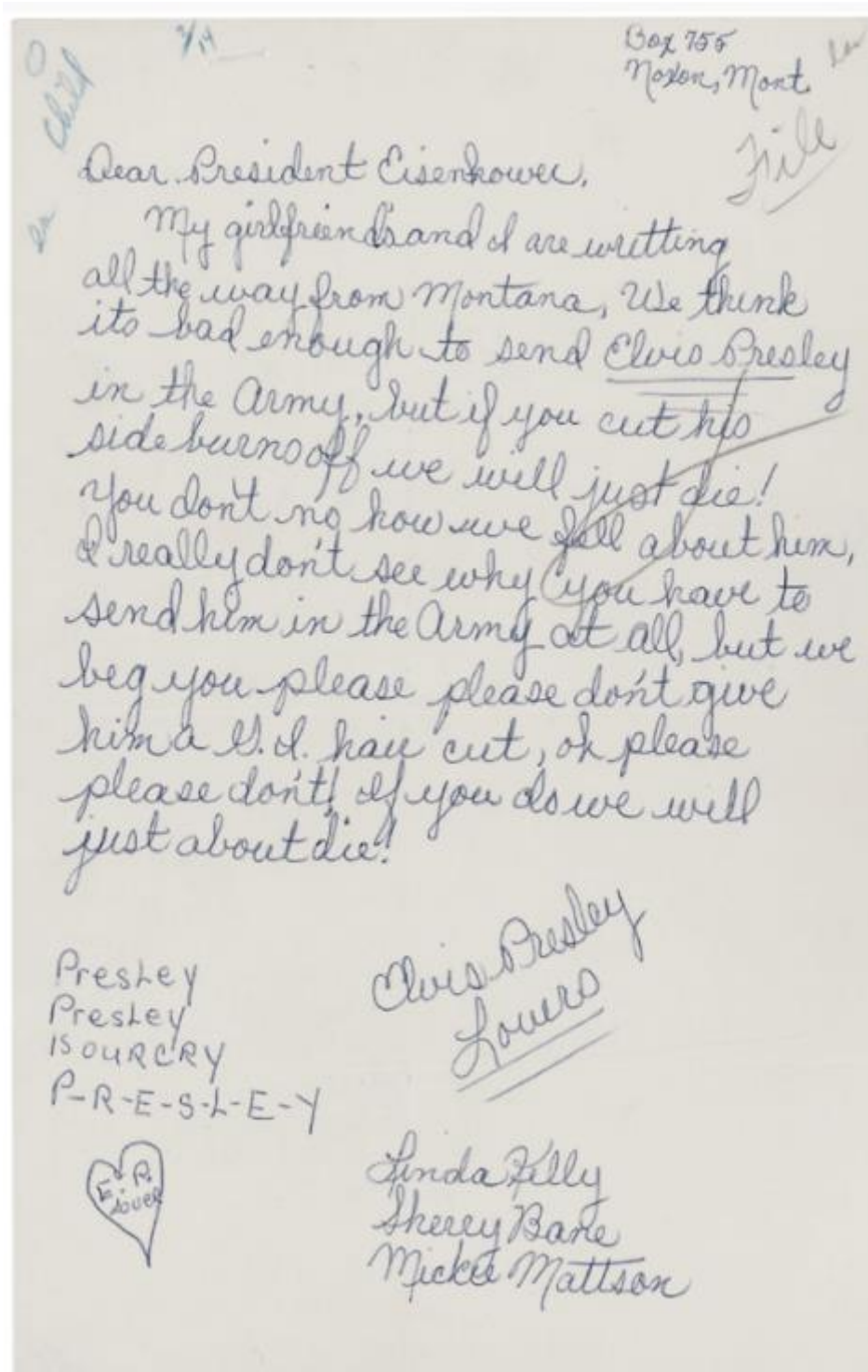


PRESIDENTIAL LETTER PACKET



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President of the United States
Washington

If you like, give me a
ten dollar bill green some-
times and I would like
to have one of them.

My address is:
Dr. Fidel Castro
Polegón de Sabores,
Calle de la Libertad
Cuba.

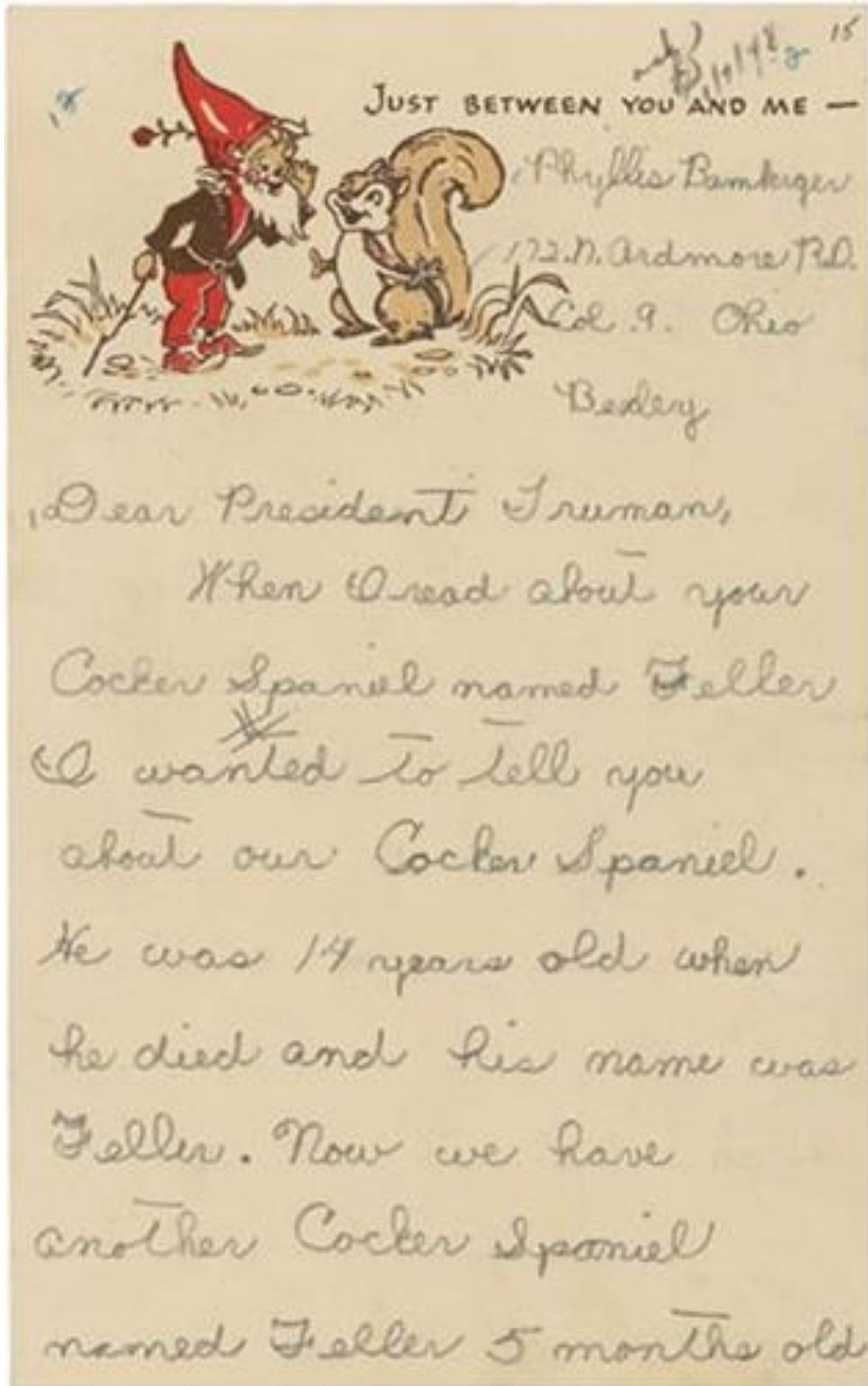
I don't know very English
but I know very much
Spanish and I suppose
you don't know why you
wish but you know why
English because you
are American but I am
not American.

Thank you very much,
Good by, your friend,

Fidel Castro

If you want iron to make
your ships I will
show to you the highest
(mineral) of iron of the land.
They are in Mayari, Trinité
Cuba.

Letter from Fidel Castro to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. 1940 Correspondence, Part 12, 800-800.1. General Records, 1936-1961. Records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State, 1788-ca. 1991. National Archives at College Park. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/302040>



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New York 17, N. Y.

May 13, 1958

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The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I was sitting in the audience at the Summit Meeting of Negro Leaders yesterday when you said we must have patience. On hearing you say this, I felt like standing up and saying, "Oh no! Not again."

I respectfully remind you sir, that we have been the most patient of all people. When you said we must have self-respect, I wondered how we could have self-respect and remain patient considering the treatment accorded us through the years.

17 million Negroes cannot do as you suggest and wait for the hearts of men to change. We want to enjoy now the rights that we feel we are entitled to as Americans. This we cannot do unless we pursue aggressively goals which all other Americans achieved over 150 years ago.

As the chief executive of our nation, I respectfully suggest that you unwittingly crush the spirit of freedom in Negroes by constantly urging forbearance and give hope to those pro-segregation leaders like Governor Faubus who would take from us even those freedoms we now enjoy. Your own experience with Governor Faubus is proof enough that forbearance and not eventual integration is the goal the pro-segregation leaders seek.

In my view, an unequivocal statement backed up by action such as you demonstrated you could take last fall in deal-

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Letter from Jackie Robinson to President Eisenhower of May 13, 1958. Negro Matters - Colored Question (6). Official Files, 1953-1961. White House Central Files (Eisenhower Administration), 1953-1961. Dwight D. Eisenhower Library.
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DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

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ing with Governor Faubus if it became necessary, would let it be known that America is determined to provide -- in the near future -- for Negroes -- the freedoms we are entitled to under the constitution.

Respectfully yours,

Jackie Robinson
Jackie Robinson

JR:cc

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U. S. NAVAL COMMUNICATION STATION

Navy Number 128 (one two eight)
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

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Attention: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President:

My name is Charles Alexander. I am a member of the United States Armed Forces. My race is Negro, and I am eighteen years of age.

The purpose of this letter is to find out, first hand, what is being done about the situation now at hand, in the south concerning the intregation problem. This is very important to me because it concerns the welfare of my people, and of the United States. I am but eighteen years of age, and yet I am willing to lay down my life in the defense of a country where my people are not even wanted; I feel very self-conscious about this.

Here in the navy, where both white and others are living together, the problem is still the same, with insults coming from right and left.

When I came into the navy I was eager to do my best and get ahead. I have lived in California all my life and have never been confronted with anything like this before. It is not because I am a Negro that I feel this way, It is because I have a sense of decency and feel that I should do all that is in my power to correct the awful mistakes so many people are making on both sides.

When two people of different races can't live together something has to be done or ~~dis~~aster follows; and I feel that it is reaching the disaster point now.

The Declaration Of Independence states that every man has rights, it doesn't include that his skin must be white to receive them.

Letter to President Dwight D. Eisenhower from Charles Alexander Regarding Integration. Bulk Mail Files, 1953-1961. White House Central Files (Eisenhower Administration), 1953-1961. Dwight D. Eisenhower Library. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6092843>

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United States Navy
NAVY POST OFFICE
Navy No. 128 (one two eight)
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Mr. President I can't express clearly enough how I feel about this. People being abused because of the color of their skin is not only unconstitutional and indecent, but is a threat to all humanity and an open invitation for communists and fascists to move in. If a group of people can't find protection and leadership in their own government they look elsewhere for it.

Something like this could very easily lead to another civil war, with the people of the United States fighting among themselves; other countries would lose confidence in the leadership of this country and things could very easily end up in chaos. I know that this is probably not the only letter you've received pertaining to this problem, but as I've stated above, I feel that I should do all in my power to correct before there is any more bloodshed. I sincerely hope that this letter will have some effect upon the actions taken by the government.

Sincerely,

Charles Alexander
Charles Alexander

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DEAR PRESIDENT,
I AM GLAD THAT
YOU ARE PRESID
ENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.
I LISTENED TODAY
WHEN YOU
WERE INAUGU
RATED. I
THOUGHT IT WAS
VERY NICE. I
STILL THINK
THAT GOD
COMES FIRST
AND THEN YOU.
I AM SORRY
THAT IT RAINED
TODAY WHEN
YOU INAUGURATE
D. LOVE FROM JUDY.

Letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt from a Child. President's Personal Files, 1933-1945. Papers as President, President's Personal File, 1933-1945. Franklin D. Roosevelt Library. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6728529>

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

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15 Walnut Avenue
Beverly, Massachusetts
July 15, 1964


President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear
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Mr. President,
I wish to Congratulate you and our
Country for passing John F. Kennedy's
Civil Rights Bill.

I would appreciate a copy of the
Bill if that is possible. or the Department
to which I should direct my request.

Thank you
Respectfully,
David S. Ferriero



Letter to President Lyndon B. Johnson from David S. Ferriero. White House Name Files, 11/22/1963-1/20/1969. White House Central Files (Johnson Administration), 11/22/1963-1/20/1969. Lyndon Baines Johnson Library. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/18482221>

Teenager

10/2/57
September 29, 1957

My Dear President Eisenhower,

I am what you might call a typical teen-ager. Lately I've been reading the newspapers more carefully and I'm finally realizing what a great and wonderful leader America has.

I am an American, and I can proudly say that and mean it. A person cannot be a true American and not believe in equal rights. He is not worthy of walking of living or thinking on American soil, nor attending American schools, nor entering a Christian church if he does not believe as an American.

Letter to President Dwight D. Eisenhower from Teenager Dana Anderson Regarding Equal Rights. Bulk Mail Files, 1953-1961. White House Central Files (Eisenhower Administration), 1953-1961. Dwight D. Eisenhower Library. <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/6092838>

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT

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There is no such a thing as a
shame on people of different color
abroad in their right.

I have believe me President Eisenhower
I do not wholly condemn these trouble-
makers. They were entitled with
this racial hatred since they were young.

It is so hard to explain something that
is so deeply instilled. I feel confident
though that if these people would read
The Constitution and the Declaration
of Independence, and ask our God to
judge their thinking, many heads
would be hung in shame.

The hardest words in the world
to say are "I'm sorry" or "I was wrong."
Give truly sorry for the people who

doubt believe in equal rights for all
because they are in a sense "then
without a country." These ignorant
people need much more help than
you and I can ever give them my
Dear President,

Soon I will be getting married
and when I do, my children will be
taught that there is no superior race
or class of people.

Our denial show us coming to
Washington the last of May for our
annual Senior trip. How can anything
I would like to meet you. But since
this will probably be impossible I
only hope that you will personally
read my letter.

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God bless you President
Eisenhower and all the good you
stand for.

Sincerely,
Dana Anderson

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