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Mr. Cecil A. Alexander,
70 Fairlie St., N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Cecil:

Following our very pleasant breakfast meeting I found myself very busy for a few days in connection with the opening of our new North Avenue Branch. However, I asked Granger Hansell if he would prepare a memorandum on the subject of our discussion, and attached hereto is a copy.

I am sure you will find this interesting, but I realize it is far from being complete. It should serve as a basis for further discussions, and I would be most happy to meet with you at any time that suits your convenience.

I am leaving the city Wednesday, and will not return for about a week, so I suggest you give me a ring sometime the latter part of next week, and we will make a definite date.

I think this has certainly most interesting possibilities for a worthwhile development, and I assure you Phoenix would be very interested in trying to work it out.

Sincerely,

JDR: AM
Mr. Cecil A. Alexander,
Finch Alexander Barnes Rothschild & Paschal,
70 Fairlie Street N.W.,
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Cecil:

Since receiving your letter of January 26 and the copy of the letter you wrote to Mr. Wise concerning the Atlanta Urban Renewal Project, I have contacted Mr. E. F. Laux, Executive Director of our Marketing Staff, and have asked that he follow on your inquiry with Americo Realty to see that your firm is given consideration as architects for their site in this project.

Best regards,

Henry

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April 22, 1980

John E. Skandalakis, M.D., Ph.D., FACS
General Chairman
25th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress
P. O. Box 13615
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

Dear John:

I am moved and delighted to accept the Archdiocesan Medal. As an architect and a brief student of classical civilization, Greece has always held a special place in my heart and mind.

Our recent contacts in the great joint effort of establishing the Games in Greece has been most rewarding. Getting to know you and working with you has been a fine experience for me.

Sincerely,

Cecil A. Alexander

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P.S. Please tell me the time of day of "La Levendia".
April 18, 1980

Mr. Cecil Alexander
100 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Cecil:

You may have heard that the 25th Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America will be held in Atlanta June 28 through July 5, 1980, at the Atlanta Hilton.

His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos convenes this great Congress and would like to honor some of Atlanta's distinguished citizens by awarding them the Archdiocesan Medal. It gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen to be one of the recipients of the Archdiocesan Medal. The medals will be awarded during the musical program of "La Levendia" at the Alliance Theatre on Tuesday, July 2, 1980.

I will be in touch with you concerning the time and details of the presentation.

Please accept my sincere congratulations.

Sincerely,

John E. Skandalakis, M.D., Ph.D., F.A.C.S.
General Chairman

February 25, 1981

Rabbi Alvin Sugarman
The Temple
1589 Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia 30367

Dear Alvin:

The following was written prior to our conversation Sunday evening:

If the murderer of the Atlanta children is white there will be a crisis of major proportions not only in Atlanta, but very probably in other cities. Even if the murderer is black, a wave of angry violence could be unleashed.

It is the path of prudence to prepare for such a contingency - for it will strike in an instant. I base my suggestions on my own experience as a member of the Mayor's so-called "Coordinating Committee", set up during the active civil rights crisis to deal with racial problems.

This Committee functioned before and after the time of the application of the Public Accommodations Law. Statements were solicited from all involved groups - lawyers, restaurants and hotel organizations, religious groups and others. "Partners for Progress", a white women's group, went to the affected institutions and assured them of support. The black community agreed not to challenge Maddox's Pickrick until a climate of acceptance was established. Unfortunately two blacks who didn't know the strategy tested Maddox and he pulled a gun, which undoubtedly led to his later election as governor. In spite of that incident and the Leb's disaster, in general this change went well. (We should have posted people at Pickrick to head off the attempt to integrate it.)

When the riots occurred near the stadium, the Mayor's appearance and the presence of black ministers calmed the mob down. Again, when a black boy was killed by Atlanta police at Dixie Hills, the Mayor went into a mob and quieted them down by talking to each person individually.

The Mayor diffused the tension surrounding the King funeral. There was an opportunity for the black community to vent their
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anger and grief in an orderly way. Firemen, rather than police, lined the streets. This preserved the city's presence without a show of provocative force.

While there was little planning for the Stadium and Dixie Hills incidents - there was time in the other two situations and planning helped. In the case of the Stadium and Dixie Hills events - the mayor's instincts and the black ministers' courage at the Stadium calmed the mob.

The situation is now reversed - black leaders will have to take the lead. One notable exception is the interfaith bi-racial group you formed. It can operate across racial lines.

I suggest this group convene - very quietly - to devise a strategy for the situation. After a preliminary meeting others should be brought in. These would basically be two groups:

1. Active - consisting of predominantly black groups and leaders. A suggested preliminary list follows:

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The goal of the group should be two-fold: immediate and long range.

1. Immediate:

   a) Preparation, now, of a climate of non-violent reaction to the apprehension of the murderer. Such things as sermons, talks, editorials, institutional ads - proclaiming the need for forbearance could be started. A city-wide solicitation of funds to help underwrite the cost of the investigation which is so taxing the city. This could be a talk-a-thon on all the television stations simultaneously. (This idea was proposed by Colonel James D. McBrayer, USMCR, who now teaches history at Georgia State.) He thinks it would help unite the City.

   b) Formation of support groups in the predominantly black colleges and high schools.

   c) Indoc-trination of the police and firemen in means of controlling reaction.

2. Long Range: Prepare for immediate action if trouble develops. The following should be ready to go:

   a) Public statements by black and white leaders.

   b) Church services - city wide - urging control.

   c) Front page editorials.

   d) Repeated pleas for calm over radio and television.

   e) Curfew if needed.

Of course the danger won't pass with the initial apprehension of a suspect. The pre-trial time, the trial, and the conviction or release of a suspect (particularly the last) are all potential periods of crisis.

In view of the possibility of nation-wide violent reaction, I would recommend the inclusion of the group appointed by the Vice President in the planning process.

I urge that no time be lost in moving ahead. If I can help, let me know.

Sincerely,

Cecil A. Alexander
April 18, 1988

Dear Cecil and Helen:

This is to thank you for being a part of my birthday celebration. Your presence and financial contribution made it a success.

I am very grateful to you for your friendship and continued support.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

John Lewis
Member of Congress

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Alexander
50 Forest Lake Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30327
April 29, 1981

Mr. Cecil A. Alexander
2322 Mount Paran Rd., N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

Dear Cecil:

In regard to your comments at the last NCCJ meeting, I thought you might appreciate the enclosed sermon.

I have also tried to make clear that in the gospels the word "Judean", usually translated Jew or Jews, refers primarily to those inhabitants of Jerusalem and the country around. I somehow feel it's a semantic bad turn that nobody in his right mind dreams of holding the Italians responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus, although their relation to the Romans of the Bible is similar.

Blessings on you dear friend, as we come to celebrate the feast.

Faithfully yours,

David B. Collins, Dean

Encl.
Tribute to Hermione Weil Alexander - January 28, 1984

Atlanta, Georgia

Speaker: Rabbi Sugarman

The heritage of 4,000 years of tradition is great because of the vision that it has brought to the human story. It is not often that those ideals are personified in the person of one human being. And it is just such a human being, Hermi Alexander, that we honor tonight, posthumously, with the Temple's Centennial Award.

In a few moments, Cecil, when we present the award to you, you will see that the motif of the award is taken from the teachings of Hillel. "Separate not thyself from thy community". Each of us here tonight, our whole community, has been enriched by Hermi's life. Those of you here tonight, who knew her and loved her, know exactly whereof I speak. This particular night was chosen, Cecil, because the memory of Rabbi Rothschild most easily coalesces with the memory and the honor that we wish to bestow on Hermi's life. This Temple, as an institution, was honored to have Hermi as part of our Temple family, as our whole city was honored to have her as part of our community.

It read: "Separate not thyself from thy community". The Temple's Centennial Award reads as follows: "This award was established to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Temple's founding in Atlanta in 1867 and the resulting partnership between our congregation and our community. The recipients of this award are those, who, through their deeds, reflect the understanding that being human demands a responsibility to the community at large. Presented to Hermione Alexander, January 28, 1984, the 24th of Shenan, 5744".

Cecil: I am proud to be here to accept this award in Hermi's name. I was blessed to have shared 40 years of our life together, and I have been astounded, as I am sure she would have been, at the outpouring of warmth and concern in this community. From her family, from her dear sister, Therese, from old friends, from relatives, and from this congregation itself, I have felt an aura around me the last three months. An aura of friendship and love that I really did not know existed, and I want to thank you all for being part of it, and I am so glad I could be here this evening to accept this award in Hermi's name.
Dear Davie,

Thanks for your card. Have you seen my Uncle Harry Alexander's book, "Notes on The Alexander Family of South Carolina and Georgia and Connections 1651-1954"?

In the back of it he lists descendants and attributes them to the following lines.

1. Joseph Raphael of London
2. Abraham Isaacks of Emden and New York
3. Samson Mears of London
4. Asher Michael de Paul
5. Joseph Stegg of Mannheim

There are no Hertzes listed and no Nathans from Charleston. I list below the Nathans he does list. The numbers refer to those ancestors with the names listed above.

A. Nathan, Judge Edgar J. Jr. (3)
   (Mabel Unterberg)
   271 Central Park West
   N.Y. 24 N.Y

B. Nathan, Edgar Jr. III (3)
   (Ruth Gottesman)
   150 W. 79th St.
   N.Y. N.Y.

C. Nathan, Emily (3)
   271 Central Park West
   N.Y. N.Y.

There are also two Nathans.

D. Nathans, Mrs. Anna Isabel Joseph (5)
   Jung Hotel
   New Orleans, LA

E. Nathans, Henrietta A. Joseph (5)
   (James Nathan)
   St. Ventor, NJ

This book was written in 1954, forty-two years ago, so I doubt the addresses or even if any of the people listed are alive (I'm
seventy-eight). I'm afraid my own knowledge of the Nathans/Hertz is totally lacking.

You might write to the Beth Elohim Synagogue in Charleston which was organized in 1792. Associated with it is the Sephadic Cemetery—called the Commings Street Cemetery where the early Alexanders and many others are buried.

Let me know if you make any progress.

Best regards.

Cecil A. Alexander

CAA:jb
September 7, 1988

Mr. Bradley R. Rice, Editor
Atlanta History
Atlanta Historical Society
3101 Andrews Drive, N.W.
Atlanta, GA 30305

Dear Mr. Rice:

In his review of "The Latest Works on the Leo Frank Case," Tom Watson Brown identifies himself only as a "descendant and relative of persons peripherally involved in the case."

At the end of the article he is identified by your publication only as "an Atlanta attorney."

In fact, Mr. Brown is a direct descendant of Tom Watson who, while not a defendant, a prosecutor, a witness, an attorney or a judge in the case, was certainly more than peripherally involved.

While Mr. Brown is indeed an Atlanta attorney this in no way reveals his strong sympathy for Tom Watson and particularly for his views regarding this case.

Either Atlanta History should have properly identified Mr. Brown, found a truly neutral reviewer, or better still let the tragic case rest.

So that there will be no mistaking my identity—I am the nephew of Henry A. Alexander one of Frank's attorneys (who was a former President of the Atlanta Historical Society) and a descendant of Aaron Alexander, who established our pioneer Jewish family in Atlanta in 1847.

I regard Tom Brown as a friend, but I totally disagree with his views in the Frank case.

Neither of us, or anyone else, should be reviewing documents about the case without identifying clearly our relationship to the case and its participants and our strongly held convictions regarding the outcome.

Sincerely,

Cecil A. Alexander

cc: Tom Watson Brown, Vice President, Atlanta Historical Society
    Dr. John B. Hardman, Chairman of the Board
Ms. Leslie Bayor  
The Atlanta Jewish Times  
P. O. Box 250287  
Atlanta, GA  30325  

December 15, 1988  

Dear Leslie,  

Thanks for the very fine article about me. You did an excellent job of finding the facts and reporting them.  

You can be my "Boswell" anytime!  

With warmest regards,  

Cecil A. Alexander  

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CAA:jb  

cc:  Vida Goldgar, Editor  

Sent 12/21/88
Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild, D.D.
1589 Peachtree Road, N.W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

April 28, 1967

Mr. Cecil A. Alexander
44 Broad Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Cecil:

Even though I have thanked you in person for your warm and wonderful letter, I must do so again. I can't tell you how much these words, coming from you, meant to me.

As perhaps you already know, Janice and I treasure our friendship with you and Hermi and pray that it will continue to be a source of joy and meaning to us for at least a part of those next 100 years.

As always,

Sincerely,

[Signature]

December 20, 1976

Dear Friend,

On behalf of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, the 1977 Inaugural Committee wishes to invite you to a reception at The White House on January 21, 1977 between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The reception will honor the many friends and Georgians who worked so hard to help Jimmy Carter and his family during the 1976 Presidential campaign.

We hope that you will be able to join them for this very special occasion.

Sincerely,

[Bold signature]

Bardyl R. Tirana
Co-Chairperson

[Vicki Rogers]

Vicki Rogers
Co-Chairperson

P.S. We must ask everyone to use the special bus transportation we will provide to and from The White House. Please be at the Fort McNair parking lot at 2nd and Q Streets, S.W., no later than 3:15 p.m.
August 12, 1993

Mr. Wayne Shakelford
Commissioner/Georgia D.O.T.
#2 Capitol Square
Atlanta, GA 30334

Dear Commissioner Shakelford:

Equitable Real Estate has received a proposal from Mr. Cecil Alexander and Atlanta City Councilwoman Barbara Asher to name the raised intersection between Phipps Plaza and Monarch Tower/Ritz Carlton after Henry Aaron Alexander, Senior. We, of Equitable and Compass, would like to honor their request, and will provide the appropriate funds.

The proposal is to simply install two plaques, one for the West bound lane and one for the East bound lane, on the bridge pillars which currently flank the intersection. Further, a historical marker would be designed and placed in the raised planting area nearest Phipps Plaza toward Saks Fifth Avenue. Mr. Alexander will provide the written text for this marker detailing Henry Alexander Senior's historical and civic importance to the City of Atlanta.

It is my understanding that board approval must be given before this dedication can go forward. I will be calling you in the next few days to discuss what steps must be taken for this approval process. We are currently preparing plans and elevations describing plaque locations and text.
I would like to thank you for your time and consideration of this undertaking. Henry Alexander, Sr. was an important civic and cultural leader of the City for many years and is certainly worthy of recognition. I look forward to speaking with you about this project and working with the board toward its approval.

Sincerely,

Jeffery R. Jones
Vice President

cc: George Puskar
Doug Tibbetts
Barbara Asher
Cecil Alexander
January 31, 1994

Mr. Cecil A. Alexander
2677 Rivers Road, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Cecil:

Thank you for your letter and drawing that support your proposal for Marietta Street connecting with Luckie Street to form Olympic Way.

Your proposal with drawings will be presented to Dan Graveline as he leads the next phase of planning for the area.

Cecil, you have been thoughtful in proposing ways to improve our great city. Thanks for your support.

Sincerely,

William Porter Payne
President and
Chief Executive Officer

WPP/ch

c: Mr. Daniel A. Graveline
Mr. Sherman R. Day
April 23, 1996

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Let me know if you make any progress.

Best regards.

Cecil A. Alexander

CAA: j b
May 6, 1996

Dear Cecil,

I'm sure you have heard by now that I am working on collecting any and all data I can about our family into a genealogical database.

I've reached a point now where I would really like to connect with the people who are in this genealogy and who are here to read what I have recorded. I figure this project is about all of us and we should all be comfortable with the way it's been recorded.

I'm sending you a copy of your branch of the tree (I have almost 2100 people in all, between the Barnett arms and the Weil arms and their extensions, so I have to break it into little pieces parts or I'll own the post office due to the postage it takes to send it all out.) I'd appreciate it if you have the interest and the time, if you'd read what I have, add anything you can and/or would like to, including anecdotal information, correct any errors, and let me know if there's anything in there you'd prefer left out.

I am particularly interested in getting any of the following information:

- DATE and PLACE (City, County, State, Country) of BIRTH
- DATE and PLACE of MARRIAGE
- DATE and PLACE of DEATH
- DATE and PLACE of BURIAL
- Name of CEMETERY
- SCHOOLS attended, DEGREES earned, YEAR of graduation, MAJORS
- OCCUPATION
- HEALTH PROBLEMS
- CAUSE OF DEATH
- Basic information on PARENTS of people marrying into our family
- Basic information on SIBLINGS of people marrying into our family

There is some specific information I'd like to add regarding your family, if you and Helen are comfortable with it. Some of this may appear to be irrelevant, but I figure it's likely your grandchildren and their descendants may very well want to know these things. I hope you don't feel I'm prying. Anything you'd prefer left out, I have no problem honoring. But I also want anyone who is related to anyone in my family, including extended family, to be included as a full member with all the rest of the family:

- What is your wife, Helen's full maiden name?
- What is her birthday (month, day, year)?
- What date were you married?
- Where were you married (city, state)?
What is his birth date and place?
What was his education?
What was his occupation?
Where did he live (city, state)?
If no longer living, what was his date and place of death?
What is Helen’s mother’s full name?
What is her birth date and place?
What was her education?
What was her occupation, if any, in addition to being a homemaker?
If no longer living, what was her date and place of death?
Was Helen previously married? If so, I’d also like to record the above information about her former spouse and any children.

I’d also like to include some more biographical information about you. I know both you and Hermi were very active in civic affairs. I’d love to include some information about that, if you wouldn’t mind.

I have to tell you, I have a few really vivid pictures of being with you in your home in my mind. Two things really stand out in my memory.

One night, we were over at your house for dinner, shortly, I think, after my folks had moved to Atlanta. Doug was still a wee one then and there was a big bunch of us gathered around a long table for dinner. He finished before all the grown-ups, naturally, and he was allowed down from his chair. He literally scooted all over that room. Hermi sat there, engaged in conversation, perfectly at ease. I was so impressed!!! All I had to compare it to was my memories of formal dinners at my grandmother’s house. Blanche Weil would never, in a million years, have been able to be comfortable around a child running around a group of adults, perfectly happy being a child! It is one of my favorite pictures!

Another is the memory of that grandfather clock. I remember it standing at Aunt Rosetta’s to the right of the door as you came in. And I remember being at Therese and Richard’s wedding and standing there by that clock watching a man smoke literally one cigarette after another, lighting the new cigarette with the one he was about to put out. I’d never seen anything like that before. And then I remember being in your house and seeing that gorgeous clock in the hallway there.

I just bought a grandfather clock at a yard sale recently and I really do love it. Every time I see it, I am reminded of the one in your home.

I do hope all is well with you and your family. If you are ever in these parts, please do let me know. I’d love to have the chance to say hi.
Love,

633 Vouray Dr., Apt. D
Kenner, LA 70065-1822
E-mail: ec04@www.gnofn.org
(504) 466-0834
February 16, 1999

Mrs. Lucy Danziger
2 East 73rd Street
New York, NY 10021

Dear Lucy,

It was great to see you and share your enthusiasm for Nellie Mae Rowe. I wish you could have met her. She was a happy, loving woman which you might not guess from some of her work.

I have thought about your Atlanta project. Since I am in a two-man architectural practice, my free time is very limited. Even if this were not the case, I would still recommend you approach Lucinda Bunnen as the right person to head up an Atlanta effort. She was at the opening. Did you meet her?

Lucinda is a very creative photographer and well connected with the Atlanta art world. She was born in Katonah, New York. Her brother is Frank Weil, a New Yorker whom you probably know. She and Judy working together would make excellent leadership. Of course, one problem you may run into is Lucinda’s dedication to Atlanta. Perhaps an area devoted to folk art of the southeast would have an appeal. Also, some interactive relationship with the High Museum in Atlanta.

Since it is too easy for Lucinda to tell me “no,” I suggest you call or write her directly. Her address and phone number are:

Ms. Lucinda Bunnen
3910 Randall Mill Road, NW
Atlanta, GA 30327
(404) 237-6758

Let me know what happens. I’ll try some other leads if this doesn’t work.

My very best to you and all your family.

Love,

Cecil
February 23, 1999

Mr. Elliott Galloway
The Galloway School
215 W. Wieuca Rd., NW
Atlanta, GA 30342

Dear Elliott,

As you know after Hermi’s death I remarried. My wife, Helen, is an extraordinary person whose concern for her family and all who come within her circle knows no bounds.

Among her grandsons is Josh Harris, an extraordinary young man. He is extremely bright, and a fine athlete. His somewhat short height is no handicap to him as he plays basketball with boys twice his height and more than holds his own. He is thoughtful and his behavior is excellent.

I have known him since the night of his birth and wholeheartedly recommend him as a Galloway student. He will profit from the caring atmosphere that so pervades Galloway and he will contribute a great deal to that atmosphere.

His mother, Mynel, asked me to write you. She knows your school is the right place for Josh and wants very much to have him admitted. I agree with her and hope he can qualify.

With warmest regards.

Sincerely,

Cecil A. Alexander

CAA: jb
I once thought that a great mind was one that agreed with my own. In later years I have come to realize that persons more intelligent than I can honestly hold opposite views from my own. This, however, while making me more tolerant of others has made me no less stubborn in my own convictions.

First may I thank you gentlemen for the courteous and gracious way you have always received me. This association has been most valued. I give it up only with great regret. But give it up I must.

Simply stated:

I did not resign because Martin Luther King III was rejected for testing. In fact I had agreed to a course of action that would have excluded any negro applicant this year. This I reluctantly accepted because the Headmaster and we of the Admissions Committee agreed that to admit a negro at this time would have jeopardized the very existence of the school. But the resolution adopted by the Admissions Committee stated a basic acceptance of the stand of the Episcopal Church as a guide for the future, and stated an explicit course of action.

However, the resolution adopted by the full Board compels me to resign for the following reasons:

The resolution stated a relationship of Church and school which was counter to my own conception, and since I am uniquely unqualified to clarify this relationship I deem my usefulness terminated.

Further, by failing to state an explicit policy for future action in regard to testing negroes for admission, the resolution went counter to a position I have maintained, that until the negro can be evaluated by all citizens on his individual worth, and not solely as a member of a race, we will never solve the dilemma that history has presented to our generation.
Following our last meeting in which I abstained from voting against the resolution out of my high regard for the Board, I long debated my course of action until arriving at my decision to resign, a course from which there is now no turning back. As your Chairman will tell you, I had hoped that the earlier this action was taken the less it would be misunderstood and handicap your actions and the School. The newspaper articles were most regrettable, and while they were certainly not of my seeking, I must apologize for any difficulty they may have caused the Board or the School.

I wish only success to Lovett School, and I appreciate the high calibre of its staff, and their unceasing efforts in the education of my children. As a parent, and as a vitally interested citizen, I will continue my association with Lovett, but I ask you now to accept my resignation from the Board to be effective from this date.

[Signed]

Cecil Alexander