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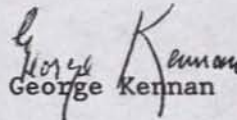
December 6, 1990

Dear Mr. Lister:

Thank you for your letting me see the various materials about human rights enclosed with your letter of the 30th.

If I write anything on this subject, it may not be exactly what you want to hear; but it will not include the criticisms to which you responded so effectively in your various speeches, nor will it ignore the favorable effects that the human rights agitation has had on governmental practices in a number of countries.

Sincerely yours,


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