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The thing I remember the best about George was that at the end of every meeting he would turn to me and say, "To our hopeless cause!" And he would raise his fist. I thought about it, and I thought, you know, that's a wonderful way to put it. In some sense the cause is one that's always going to be at a disadvantage, but you have to have that kind of enthusiasm. He had very much this sort of happy warrior feeling of many of the human rights icons that you end up reading about or seeing; Mandela, or Kim Dae-jung, or others who have just a great sense of optimism.