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Anthony D. Ramos 1225 Linda Rosa Ave. Los Angeles, CA 93106

Dear Mr. Ramos:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful response to the CBS "60 Minutes" segment that focused on the class that I teach.

Thank you, too, for your offer to participate more directly in the class.

I have received numerous offers of this kind. Yours is particularly attractive, though our schedule is already full. But I will keep the possibility of your more direct involvement in mind.

Many thanks for writing.

Sincerely,

Walter H. Capps Acting Director ctober 5, 1987

Prof Walter Kapps UCSB Dept of Religious studies Santa Barbara, Kalif 93106

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Dear Professor Kapps,

I have just recently returned from Paris, France, where I am Director of Programming for a new cable station being installed there. I have also been a faculty member at UCSD (visiting artist in the art department) as well as professor of video art, University of Paris VIII and Director of Video at the American Center in Paris etc. etc.

At the age of 23 I fled my senior year at Southern Illinois University and lived in Canada with my wife until the assasination of Martin Luther King at whichpoint I made arrangement with a New England group against the war to take sanctuary in a church (the church was later burnt to the ground by unknown arsonists) I was finally sent to prison for two and a half years and witnessed the gruesome side of that life as well as learned to ride a horse.

I and many of my Vietnam Veteran friends do not feel that the war was a loss but in fact by ending it(because of pressure placed upon the government by the people) the war like the civil rights movement was an affirmation of all those constitutional rights and privleges which make this a great nation.

As one of the veterans on your segment of 60 minutes said "The pain of the war was shared" There was no guilt or shame for those who went to fight or those who refused to go. The ending of institutional racism and the ending of the Vietnam war were steps towards the maturing of our country. I was very pleased to see your efforts at humanizing the Vietnam veterans and informing your students of a vital part of our history as a nation. I would also like to offer my services to you. I would be more than happy to describe the realitys of the time as seen from the eyes of a young idealistic colege student who perceived the war from another directoin and who also bears the pain and scars of that time.

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