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San Diego Integration Task Force
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Dear Harold:

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I have given much thought to my recent appearance on the Telepulse program, and because of the many years we have known each other and the fact that I have valued your concern for the racial issue and your ability to deal fairly with it, I would like to share my thoughts with you.

As you know, I was deeply disturbed about comments you made on the San Diego Newsweek program on KPBS. Your comments were inaccruate, misleading and potentially damaging, not only to the San Diego Integration Task Force but to the cause of race and human relations, as well. In your attempt to rectify your actions on KPBS you asked me to appear on Telepulse. I accepted. On my appearance I stated that you had made inaccruate statements and submitted a correction to you and the television audience. I am deeply disturbed that you did not accept that as an opportunity to acknowledge to the television audience that you had indeed given them inaccurate information and that your statements may have been misleading and damaging. Instead you said nothing. An apology would certainly have been in order and would have represented the fairness and high esteem which I feel you are accorded by many San Diegans. It was obvious to others as well as to myself that your reaction to my statement about your inaccuracy was far from what was needed to make that correction. At this point, I have no choice but to consider that the comments you made were intentional and that your motivation may not have been as honorable as I originally felt.

My experience with retractions in the news media has not been very favorable; however, up to this point, this experience with you has been the worst of all. I hope that you will find the time to give this matter further consideration and that you will take whatever action you feel is necessary to undo the damage that I and others feel has been done.

Sincerely,

Harold K. Brown, Chair
San Diego Integration task Force