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February 20, 1990

Mr. Leon Williams, Chairman
San Diego County Board of Supervisors
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, California 92101

Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you again for your help with our Adopt-A-Tree Program and for appearing at our ceremony at Wilson Academy on January 27, 1990. At that time we discussed your speaking to a class of English students and below is the agenda I have worked out with your office for this event.

Date: March 9, 1990 (Friday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.)

Location: East San Diego Center
5348 University Avenue

Phone: 230-2969

Contact: Ms. Gretchen Bitterlin, Chairperson
ESL (English as a Second Language) Department

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Schedule: 9:00 to 9:30 - Tour of facility by Dr. Wally Porter, Dean, including:

- offices and library;
- classrooms; and,
- the GAIN Lab (GAIN is a county-funded program).

9:30 to 9:45 - Mr. Williams will lecture to an advanced level ESL class (the instructor is Mr. Raul Martinez). Suggested topics:

- the structure of county government and Mr. Williams' role in it;
- the function of county government; and,
- how the county government interfaces with city governments and the state.

9:45 to 10:00 - question and answer period.

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BACKGROUND

The East San Diego Site is part of the San Diego Community College network. It holds adult level, non-credit classes in the morning, afternoon and evening. Most of the students are recent immigrants whose command of English ranges from zero to moderate conversation ability. The students come from all over the world - Africa, the Far and Near East, Eurasia - to seek freedom and decent living conditions in the United States.

Part of the required curriculum (the school receives federal funds as part of the INS Amnesty Program) are lessons in U.S. history and government. I think the students will be honored by your presence and it will show them that democracy really does work by demonstrating that our elected officials care about their constituents. By taking the time to visit and talk with these students, you will help them develop a greater appreciation for democracy and the value of the right to vote than would be developed by a year's worth of book-learning alone.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to seeing you again on March 9th.

Very truly,

Marc Schumacher

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cc: Dr. W. Porter
Ms. G. Bitterlin
Mr. R. Martinez
Ms. D. Traitel (San Diego TRIBUNE)