EIGHTH AVENUE HOME ALERT CLUB
Los Angeles, California 90043
Block Captain - Hubert Andrew
June 4, 1992

Mayor Tom Bradley
200 North Spring Street  #305
Los Angeles, California  90012

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Very truly yours,

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Mr. J. Jarren Stevens
Mrs. Geneva Stevens

Citizens of South Central Los Angeles

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Police Chief Daryl Gates  
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Dear Chief Gates,  

Just a few comments regarding your handling of the recent riots in Los Angeles.  

First off, what ever happened to the time-honored and proven method (during times of extreme emergencies) of shooting looters, arsonists and murderers on the spot? It has always worked very well in the past-- in order to protect lives and property during disasters, such as, floods, tornados and etc.  

Needless to say, it would , also, have stopped the criminal, in South Los Angeles, in their tracks. And, the very fact that this was not done, puts you, Chief Gates, as being clearly in the criminals camp. By protecting them and giving them aid and comfort. Oh! granted, there would have been weeping, wailing and the gnashing of teeth by the subversives in the ACW, the 'black leaders', the news media and etc. But, you would have ridden "tall in the saddle" among all of the decent people of Los Angeles, America and the entire world. And, over fifty lives would have been saved plus hundreds of businesses plus hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property plus thousands of jobs PLUS a warning to would-be future rioters. All at the cost of a few rounds on ammunition plus a few lives of criminal- arsonists- looters- murderers. I understand that this method was used in Las Vegas, Nevada, when the rioting started up there, and the rioting came to a screeching halt.  

As it is, Chief Gates, you will go down in history as a disgrace to law enforcement, and, you will have a place along side Nero and Benedict Arnold. You should be tried for criminal negligence, if not criminal complicity. You not only refused to stop these criminal in their tracks, but, you even gave them aid and comfort by arresting their victims (business people) who took up arms to try and protect their place of business( after it became evident that the IAPD was a farce). Oh! you do very well if you can out number the bad guy 20 to 1 -a la Rodney King, or, 200 to 4-- a la Chief Gates when he took part in the arrest of the 4 criminals who tried to kill the truck driver. Do we laugh or cry?  

And, please, don't tell me that all of this happened because your were short-handed. One news cast showed 20 officers ( the commentator counted them) standing around watching as a shopping center was being sacked by a pack of laughing black criminals and they were doing nothing to stop it. That is, until they finally spotted a white couple, who they arrested...LAPD at its finest and shining hour.  

We would have to be very naive to not realize that this riot was about as spontaneous as the Rose Bowl Parade. It is obvious that this Rodney King thing was blown clear out of proportion in order to help justify and to set the stage for the riot. And, of course, the riot was necessary in order to justify and pave the ground and use as a blackmail threat for getting billions more tax dollars
to be poured down the welfare rat-hole (and stolen) under the pretext of helping have-nots in disguise. And, you, Chief Gates, gave aid and comfort to this conspiracy—pure and simple.

However, Chief Gates, you must be congratulated for helping to open peoples eyes to the fact, that, when it comes to a show-down, the police can not be depended on for protection. And, that, as a matter of fact, they will more than likely take sides with and help protect the criminals who are doing the looting and burning. We must, also, remember that you are the same, Criminal Chief Gate, who has been hell-bent (down through the years) to deprive American Citizens of their constitutional rights to own guns. NOW! the picture should be clear to everyone.

It is an understatement to say that the sooner you are drummed out of the LAPD, the better off Los Angeles will be.

As Ever

Phil Tryon

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May 13, 1992

Chief Daryl Gates
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Dear Chief Gates:

Letter writing is probably the one thing everyone procrastinates about doing, but it is time I sit down because I believe the Los Angeles Police Department has been through enough.

Let me start by saying that you and all of your police officers are respected, wanted, needed, and are doing an outstanding job!

This city has been through a lot in the last couple of weeks and now everyone is trying to point the finger, but no one is willing to take the blame. Except, that is, for you. Thank you for standing up and owning up to areas where you felt things could have gone better or where you felt problems did exist. No one is perfect, but we are all human and do make mistakes.

Indulge with me please as I do some finger pointing:

1. Mayor Bradley makes a huge mistake at the meeting at the AME Church with his reaction to the Rodney King verdict! This, to me, instilled a sense of revenge rather than calm. Is this what we call leadership?

2. Channel 2 news reporter, Jody Baskerville, almost incites a riot on her own at Parker Center when she is told, not once but three times, by a police officer to cut the camera lights. Being full aware of how volatile the situation was at the time, instead of cutting the lights and then perhaps asking why, she proceeded, on camera, to demand an answer, causing an uncalled for scene. Then, after pleas from Bree Walker to stay in control, Jody denies ever hearing the request to cut the lights and can only say her microphone was pulled from her hand! I swore at the time I would have to be blind and deaf if I believed Jody's version. As I am sure thousands upon thousands of viewers can confirm, there were three requests to cut the lights which went unheeded, and there was a very unprofessional display of journalism and of constraint on Jody's part. If the crowd around her had been
larger or had consisted of more demonstrators, it could have meant more unnecessary trouble. Is this what we call good media coverage?

3. Everybody and their brother decides to take advantage of a bad situation. The out-of-control violence, the fires, the destruction and the looting were so damaging to the city and its people. Is this what we call the "human" race?

4. The minister of the AME Church, in an interview about a week after the breakout, stated that people saw the beating of Mr. Denny on video tape but could not see the beating of Rodney King. The only thing that the video of Mr. Denny's beating proved to me was that the beating of Rodney King was not police brutality. We have a group of "humans" using their hands, feet, bricks, and whatever else on Mr. Denny and savagely beating him to a point where he is near death and was in critical condition. Finally, after almost two weeks, Mr. Denny is able to eat, sit and walk. As for Rodney King, we have the police using their batons and not injuring him anywhere near as critically as Mr. Denny was injured, so where was the excessive force?

5. Rodney King - If he had listened to the police demand to spread eagle in the first place, none of this would have happened. He caused his own problems with his continued attempts to rise and I, personally, believe he got what was justly due him. As for Rodney King's interview after the riots in which he asked why can't we get along, why did he not try to get along when he was originally stopped by the police over a year ago? His "woe is me" plea seems to be a bit on the "too little too late" side.

6. The news media - well, what can I say? Some reporters ask the most stupid, senseless, inciting, and "what if" questions I have ever heard. I believe news coverage is needed, but not to fuel the fire. They should report facts and not twist and turn whatever is said or done into some concocted story that provokes ill feelings or, in some instances, into a story that only idiots would believe. It seems as though some reporters have lost good sense and good taste and are out just to make a name for themselves or, in my eyes, fools of themselves. It almost makes the news undesirable to watch. Is this considered good journalism?

7. The Los Angeles City Council - again, what can I say? They are on whose ever side they want to be on at the time as long as it benefits them. Are they really looking out for the people?
8. All the people who are anti-authority and figure they know best. Unfortunately, you, as Police Chief, are in a damned if you do and damned if you don't situation. If the police had come down hard, I can just picture the reaction - "Why did you use such force?" By not responding "immediately," the question becomes, "What took so long?" I would like to see anyone put into a police officer's position and see how they would react. It's real easy to sit back and criticize when you're not part of the picture. Would these people, if they were police officers, have stayed in such a volatile area, while being outnumbered, and risk getting killed? I sincerely doubt it. Do these people realize what it takes to be a police officer? Do they know what it's like to be split, to be called names, to face some of the tragic situations which are part of a police officer's duties? Again, I sincerely doubt it. Personally, I believe you and the department did the best job that could be done at the time.

9. The ACLU and other organizations who exert so much energy on being negative and who just look for people who they claim have had their rights violated. I would venture to say that most people, at one time or another, in one way or another, have had some sort of right violated. If half of these organizations and all the naysayers in the world would put their energy to positive use, they might be of some benefit to the world. Are they really doing a service in protecting people's rights or are they just looking for anyone and anything that they can use to cause an uproar?

10. Last, but not least, the Review Board - oh, what a delight! Although there are no fingers to point here, how much money is this going to cost the taxpayers? Why can't we ever say, "Okay, it happened. What are we going to do to fix it or make things better?" Why do we always have to have review boards, commissions or whatever to delve into the past, spending absurd amounts of money, trying to fix something that cannot be fixed? It happened. It's done. Can they turn time back and prevent what happened? NO! Let's fix what is broken and let's look to the future to find how we can better our society as a whole.

I apologize for getting carried away because my main reason for writing this letter was to thank each and every man and woman in blue. Although I am a Burbank resident, I really would like to express my deepest gratitude to you and to all the Los Angeles police officers who risk their lives daily to make our world a better place.

I am only one voice, but I hope this one voice comes to you and your police officers at a time when it's most needed to let all of you know just how greatly appreciated you are. I know there
are other people who may not have gotten around to writing or who
may never write, but who believe in the Los Angeles Police De-
partment and all the wonderful men and women who serve this city
so well. When morale is down, try to remember and please do
believe that there are those of us who care and are glad you're
there.

I am commending numerous divisions, departments, men and women to
whom I cannot write individually, but I trust that you will
convey my feelings and gratitude.

Respectfully,

[Signature]

Patricia Collins

cc: Mayor Tom Bradley/
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