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DEAR CHENTE:

AT THIS TIME THERE IS NOTHING MUCH THAT I CAN SAY CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF OUR PRESIDENT. I WILL SAY, THOUGH, THAT THE PEOPLE FROM TEXAS GENERALLY ARE TO BEAME. PERSONALLY, I EVEN FEEL A GREAT AMOUNT OF GUILT SINCE I BELIEVE THAT WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN THIS STATE TO BE A LIBERAL STATE AND THAT THE RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, HATRED, AND PREJUDICE, WOULD NEVER HAVE CREATED THE FAVORABLE CLIMATE IN THIS STATE FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF OUR BELOVED FRIEND AND PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, I HAVE TRIED THIS VERY HARD AS ANY HUMAN COULD, BUT YOU KNOW THE RESULTS. RIGHT NOW WE ARE NOT THINKING OF ANYTHING ELSE, BUT MOURN HIS CEATH. EVERYBODY IS SADDEN AND I AM, TOO, BUT MORE THAN SADDEN, I AM ANGRY AND BITTER THAT THIS STATE CONTRIBUTED TO HIS DEATH.

I INTENDED TO WRITE TO YOU A LONG TIME AGO TO LET YOU KNOW OF THE VICTORY THAT YOU ACHIEVED OF WHICH I BECAMEDAWARED JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. THIS IS IN REFERENCE TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE FIREMEN AND ENGINEMEN. AS YOU REMEMBER, YOU FILED A COMPLAINT AGAINST THEM WHEN YOU WERE EITHER EXEC. SEC. OR CHAIRMAN. AROUND OUR NATIONAL CONVENTION TIME, I REMEMBERED AND FILED ANOTHER COMPLAINT AGAINST THEM, BUT SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE, THEIR ATTORNEY GOT WIND OF MY COMPLAINT AND SENT ME A COPY OF THE NEW CONSTITUTION AND IT HAS NOT REFERENCE TO OUR PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT YOU AND THE REST OF THE NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE AMERICAN GI FORUM WILL BE GLAD TO KNOW THIS.

You will also be glad to know that we have named all of the American GI Forum Scholarships, "The John F. Kennedy Memorial Scholarships".

WE LOST THE POLL TAX REPEAL ELECTION WHICH AGAIN WAS A TERRIBLE THING. AT TIMES LIKE THIS I AM PRAYING TO GOD TO GIVE ME MORE FAITH AND UNDERSTANDING BECAUSE I HAVE LOST ALOT OF IT.

FRATERNALLY,

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