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Mr. Robert E. Rhodes, Executive Editor
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Dear Mr. Rhodes,

I regret to inform you that I received one anonymous hate letter (that I have enclosed) signed "Anglo" in response to my letter regarding bilingual education of 4/13/85.

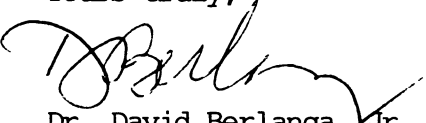
I must admit that receiving such a letter affects me like an obscene phone call. I wonder what drives people to such abnormal behavior and I worry that there might be a Neo-Nazi or a Joe Bobber living nearby. Why should a person be afraid to sign a letter? Does this person fear judgment by peers? Is this behavior consistent with basic Christian beliefs and values that deplore such immorality and baseness?

I would like to make my pen pal aware that I plan to share the letter with my colleagues and students at the university. I feel we can all learn a lesson from this.

I am currently fighting to retain the one multicultural course that we have in our course offerings for prospective teachers at Corpus Christi State University and maybe this will help me convince my colleagues of the need for instruction and discourse in this field in an effort to promote better understanding and harmony among our diverse cultural groups.

Whatever "Anglo's" motives were we can only conjecture. Perhaps it is as Kahil Gibran said: "You talk when you cease to be at peace with your own thoughts." Peace Brother!

Yours truly,



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cc: Edward H. Harte, Publisher