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To *Howard Simons* *Lederberg*  
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Dear Josh,

I don't want to become an unseemly one-man clique, but your column of July 13th (Wash. Post) is too brilliantly on target to ignore.

Can't the Daily publish it? I recall your saying there were problems, such as their not being interested. Incredible!

Are young people really so myopic that they can only see ROTC and the selection of SU's next President as issues worth conducting a revolution for? By pointing out that the condition of the last 30 years is not an immutable fact of nature like rain and sun you remind people (of any age) that caring about the really important might actually do some good.

Yours,  
*RWL*

OK? *Joshua*

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*Howard*

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the bricks and know-how from the cities. COSTS of terrorism are known to be appreciated by few; certainly received accidental priority of action. Indeed, ask an awkward "Are the Americans, or the Russians, likely to talk peace?" president and the he can recruit for st and most difficult may have a n of an unshackled l in, striving for it lead the people—

pointed out that hostility, once established, is a disease hard to remedy. Certainly, to berate the anxiety and prejudice of the radical right and Red-hating movements does nothing to alleviate their deep-rooted appeal to fear. Rational argument is not necessarily better at alleviating political paranoia. The only reliable approach to alleviating group hostility, according to the studies of social psychologists, is cooperation in reaching superordinate goals. Most of us already perceive such a goal: sheer survival, for no one wins a thermonuclear

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Dear Dick--

Thank you for your note of the 23d. Putting out a weekly effort is just taxing enough that I won't get bored by either your commendations or criticisms.

I will be very happy to have the Daily print it, and will take responsibility for the formal approval of the copyright-holder (the Post).

May I suggest that you think about addressing our students (perhaps the same way) in the spirit of your note?

Sincerely,

*Joshua*