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TOM SKINNER
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TOM SKINNER
ASSOCIATES



May 27, 1994

5875 SOLOMONS ISLAND ROAD
TRACY'S LANDING, MD 20779
301/261-9800
301/261-5193 FAX#

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Ms. Alexis Herman
700 7th Street, SW, #626
Washington, D.C. 20024

Dear Alexis:

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May God bless you for blessing our dear brother in this way.

With warmest regards,

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(301)261-9800 (Office) (301)261-5193 (Fax)

To

ALEXIS HERMAN

Phone

302/456-6455

From

Barbara J. Skinner

Date

May 10, 1994

Fax #

302/456-2983

No. Pages:

One(Including Cover Page)**MESSAGE:**

Please have your office fax a list of persons you recommend for receiving the Tom Skinner Wellness Fund letter (copy faxed to you yesterday). Give their title, organization (if any), full mailing address and \$ amount for contribution request. Thank you for your support.

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To ALEXIS HERMAN

Phone 302-456-6455

From Barbara J. Skinner

Date May 9, 1994

Fax # 302-456-2983

No. Pages: Three
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MESSAGE:

The following letter was and will be sent to prospective
supporters of the **Tom Skinner Wellness Fund.**

TOM SKINNER
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May 4, 1994

Bishop & Mrs. John H. Adams
400 Arbor Lake Drive, Suite B300
AME Church, Sr. Bishop Columbia, SC 29223
2420 Bermuda Hills Road

Dear Bishop & Mrs. Adams:

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To ALEXIS HERMAN

Phone 202/456-6455

From Barbara J. Skinner

Date June 3, 1994

Fax # 202/456-8783

No. Pages: Two
(Including Cover Page)

MESSAGE:

I have been informed by my office that as of today, the attached list of contributions have been made to the Tom Skinner Wellness Fund. We are \$18,500 against our goal of \$200,000.00.

I also want you to know that Tom is presently receiving treatment at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia. No visitors or calls are allowed, but I can be reached at a nearby apartment that I am operating out of at: 804/628-2197, or you may leave a message at: 804/268-3198. I may also be reached on the mobile phone (202/494-3728).

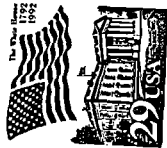
Thank you so much for what you're doing for Tom's wellness.

TOM SKINNER WELLNESS FUND CONTRIBUTORS

<u>Contributor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Deposit Date</u>
Metropolitan Church (Rev. H. Beecher Hicks)	2,500.00	5-02-94
Mr. Patrick Morley	5,000.00	5-02-94
Ms. Brenda M. Girton	200.00	5-05-94
Dr. Dorothy Height	1,000.00	5-05-94
Mr. Ofield Dukes	250.00	5-06-94
Ms. Ruth Hankins-Nesbitt	25.00	5-09-94
Ms. Carla M. Dancy	100.00	5-09-94
Mrs. Cora Masters Barry	500.00	5-12-94
Mr. & Mrs. William Delf	250.00	5-13-94
Mr. & Mrs. James Rivers	500.00	5-13-94
Milken Family Medical Fnd. (Rostie Grier)	2,500.00	5-16-94
Cong. Bill Clay	500.00	5-18-94
Mr. Roscoe Brown, Jr.	500.00	5-18-94
Hon. Constance B. Newman	1,000.00	5-18-94
Mrs. Leola M. Dellums	150.00	5-18-94
Mr. & Mrs. Elward Ellis	200.00	5-25-94
Mr. & Mrs. G. Roberts	100.00	5-25-94
Destiny Movement, Inc.	500.00	5-25-94
Ms. Alberta Brasfield	50.00	5-31-94
Mr. Bill Borders	100.00	5-31-94
Ms. Esther Bush	300.00	5-31-94
Mr. & Mrs. Bryant Moore	50.00	5-31-94
Eureka Bible Church	25.00	5-31-94
Mr. & Mrs. Kent Hotaling	1,000.00	5-31-94
The Falls Church (Episcopal)	200.00	5-31-94
Mr. & Mrs. W. L. Armstrong	<u>1,000.00</u>	6-01-94
	\$18,500.00	TOTAL AS OF 6-3-94

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May 19, 1994

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Asst. to the President Director of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, DC 20050



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1994

MEMORANDUM TO NANCY HERNREICH

FROM: ALEXIS HERMAN

SUBJECT: BARBARA SKINNER PHONE CALL

The attached phone request has been turned into John Podesta's Office. If you could have a condolence letter sent from the President, it would be most appreciated. Thanks for your help.

*Podesta's
Letter to Barbara*

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 21, 1994

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: Barbara Skinner h/ 410-867-1076
w/ 301-261-9800

DATE: June 22, 1994

RECOMMENDED BY: Alexis Herman

PURPOSE: To show your support to Barbara Skinner, Tom Skinner's wife of 13 years, after his passing away on Friday, June 17, 1994.

BACKGROUND: Tom Skinner suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage and passed on June 17, 1994. He was diagnosed two months ago and was under-going treatment for acute lymphatic leukemia. He was 51 years old.

Rev. Tom Skinner was the first black preacher to be identified with the evangelical and conservative religious movements. He was the cultural bridge with people of many faiths. Tom was the former chaplain of the Washington Redskins.

His wife, Barbara Skinner, was the first Admin. Asst. to Congressman Ron Dellums when he first came to Congress and then she went on to become the first Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, serving the longest time.

Tom devoted himself to working with youth around the country. He counseled many black athletes with prominent name recognition and had an active youth following. Currently, he had been holding private Black-Jewish dialogue on the Farrakahn situation. He was also a good friend of Doug Coe and Dick Halverson, Chaplain of the Senate. As you are well aware, both of these men put on the National Prayer Breakfast. Tom was also known to Phil and Linda Lader.

I worked closely with Tom for the last 20 years.

His funeral will be attended by a number of prominent African Americans and church leadership both Black and White from around the country. Either Rev. Billy Graham or Rev. Gardner Taylor will deliver the eulogy.

Most recently he and Barbara had hoped to build Skinner Farms into a mini-Aspen Institute.

TALKING POINTS:

Acknowledge Tom's committed service but especially his work with African American youth and his interest to raise a new generation of leaders and his dreams for Skinner Farms to serve as a treatment center for young kids.

Tom had a very deep spiritual faith and shared that with each person he came in contact with.

**CONTACT PERSON AND
NUMBERS:**

Alexis Herman

456-6455

DATE OF SUBMISSION:

June 21, 1994

ACTION:

Rudolf Decker

Böblingen, April 27, 1994
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Mrs. Alexis Herman

Through the kindness of Mrs. Barbara Skinner
5875 Solomons Island Road
Tracy's Landing, MD 20779
U.S.A.



MAY - 6 1994

Dear Alexis, dear Barbara,

Thank you for calling and come in touch with me. I hope Tom is now recovering and well. Please convey my very best wishes and greetings to him and for you, too.

The attached paper inform you about my last trip to Africa short before the tragic events in Rwanda. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Let us stay in contact:

Tel. office	+49-7031-2177-90 (my secretary Elke)
Tel. home	+49-7031-2177-94
Fax	+49-7031-2177-11

With best regards, Yours sincerely,



Rudolf Decker

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Phone #	202 456 6455	Phone #	
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SPECIAL ALERT!

Leadership Retreat Family

June 20, 1994

Homegoing for Reverend Tom Skinner

On Friday June 17, 1994, Tom Skinner, our friend and my dear husband of 13 years, suffered a massive cerebral hemorrhage and was admitted into Norfolk General Hospital where he was undergoing treatment for acute lymphatic leukemia. On Friday afternoon at 2:59p.m., in the presence of his daughter Lauren and myself, Tom died and went home to be with the Lord.

On Thursday June 23, 1994, there will be a Tribute To Youth In Memory Of Tom Skinner from 6 - 9p.m. and viewing with the Skinner family at Metropolitan Baptist Church at 1225 R Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. (202) 483-1540. On Friday, June 24, 1994, a Homegoing Celebration will be held at 12:00p.m. at Metropolitan Baptist Church.

We request that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Tom Skinner Associates Learning Center, P. O. Box 90560, Washington, D.C. 20090. The Learning Center has for the past nine years been dedicated to producing a new generation of leaders from among poor youth, who are morally and technically excellent.

We will all miss Tom terribly. Yet, his life, work and legacy can best be honored by those who commit their lives to God and to reconciliation with one another, as Tom lived to do throughout his life.

I want to personally thank each member of the Leadership Retreat Family for your continued prayers and support.

With warmest regards,
Barbara J. Skinner

For Your Information: African American Leadership Retreat XVIII will be held as planned for August 11-14, 1994 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Hilton Head, South Carolina.