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Mr. Charles T. Cullen
President and Librarian

Dear President Cullen and Co-chairs Ciral and Joyce:

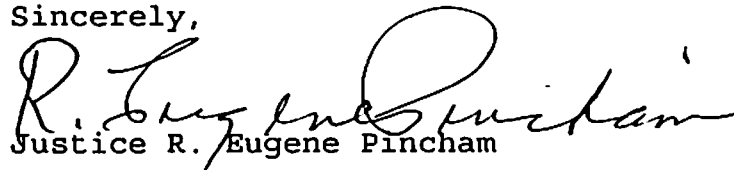
Although I have previously participated in The Newberry Library's Bughouse Square Debates in Washington Square Park, when I accepted your kind invitation to again participate in the debates on July 29th of this year, I really had no idea how much fun and delight I would again derive from this affair.

Saturday, July 29th, was extremely warm. I was literally exhausted from a week of extensive court activity and gardening here at my home. When I arrived, I was barely able to hold my head up. When we entered the park, it seems as though the spirit of democracy and free speech engulfed and invigorated me.

I want to tell you how I tremendously enjoyed the dialogue and the debates. The attitude of the participants and the audience was simply marvelous and intellectually stimulating, and for me to have won the prize, was indeed such a high honor that I never anticipated. Thanks again for inviting me. It was a wonderful way to spend a hot, sultry Saturday afternoon.

Stay well. The struggle continues. Continue and stay well in the struggle.

Sincerely,


Justice R. Eugene Pincham

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