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October 21, 1980

Professor Kim P. Sebaly
Educational Foundations
Kent State University

Dear Professor Sebaly:

Many individuals have expressed their concern for the continuation of the faculty's role in a May 4 program or commemoration. As you have earlier indicated your interest, I invite you to serve on a May 4 Committee, which, in cooperation with interested faculty will oversee such a program for 1981.

Please inform me or the Faculty Senate secretary at your earliest convenience of your willingness to serve. An organizational meeting will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John T. Hubbell
Chairman, Faculty Senate

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January 30, 1981

Professor Mary Catherine Bateson
Dean of Faculty
Amherst College
Amherst, Massachusetts 01002

Dear Dean Bateson:

I am glad that I persisted in the attempt to contact you to talk about Kent State University and May 4, 1970. The effort began in December and it was only last Sunday that I learned that you had moved from Cambridge to Amherst. It was a pleasure to talk with you. Even such a brief discussion helps to extend my own understanding of the meaning of the events which occurred that May.

The purpose of my call was to invite you to consider an invitation to come and address a gathering of Kent State faculty, students and townspeople. The committee, to which I proposed your name last December, was appointed by the Faculty Senate to plan an activity of the University's annual remembrance of May 4, 1970. Your piece on "Caring for Children, Caring for the Earth" struck me as having the tone and message that I have always thought would help to heal our community. The fact that it was drawn from a sermon delivered in a church, and from responses to questions from a congregation, added to my view that we should invite you to join us as we continue the attempt to understand and accept what occurred.

You agreed to think about the possibility of coming to Kent and I hope that the following information will be helpful in reaching a decision:

1. The date for an address would be May 3 or May 4 but the time could be arranged to suit you schedule. The only events which have been "fixed" are, a) the traditional candlelight march in silence around the campus on May 3 about 10:30 P.M., and b) a choral and dance performance on Monday May 4 from 7:30-8:30 P.M. If you could only come for half a day I am certain that we could make appropriate arrangements, though we would be happy to have you stay with us May 3-May 4.

2. You would not be expected to speak to several groups, meet classes or to conduct press conferences. You would not share a platform or pulpit with anyone. On the other hand, you would be invited to participate in whatever activity you chose. We would seek your
advice on selecting the most appropriate setting for a gathering. Though I do not know how it was handled in the sermon I referred to, questions from a congregation might be most effective on this occasion. If we did meet in a church, the University's organist might be willing to play during a service.

3. During you stay in Kent you would no doubt be greeted by University officials. Any expenses that you incurred in coming to Kent would be assumed by the University. On the other hand, it would be difficult to extend a large stipend to you. I trust that you would tell us in advance of any necessary "lecture fee."

4. Enclosed are two copies of the Kent Stater. One appeared last May on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of May 4. The other appeared recently--on the even of the February 8 showing of the film, "Kent State." (I hope that you will be able to watch it next Sunday.)

Perhaps we are asking too much of you even to consider coming to Kent on this occasion. We have not, and probably will not, extend an invitation to another speaker. As I indicated in my call, I believe that you could help us to know and understand the metaphors of our May, 1970 experiences and help to continue the process of healing. I am certain that there are analogies in the Kent experience to the great opportunities and concerns of our time, at least the Faculty's May 4 Committee agreed with these assumptions and asked me to invite you to be with us this spring.

I hope that you will continue to think about whether you could come to Kent. Though we are not faced with a pressing deadline, it would be helpful to the Committee if you could let me know whether you are still considering the possibility of coming by the first week of March.

Cordially,

Kim P. Sebaly
Assistant Professor

KPS/sp
Enc.
March 10, 1981

Professor Mary Catherine Bateson
Dean of Faculty
Amherst College
Amherst, Massachusetts 01002

Dear Dean Bateson:

It was a pleasure to speak with you two Fridays ago, especially to learn that you are willing to join us on May 3 and present a talk to members of our community. I reported this information to the Faculty Senate Committee making arrangements for the weekend and they too were grateful for your willingness to come and share the day with us.

The setting for your address was of concern to all of us. There are some places on campus that seem inappropriate. While some were in favor of using a church located near the campus, others were opposed to meeting off campus on this occasion. Therefore we have reserved the University's E. Turner Stump Theater which can accommodate about 450 persons. The acoustics are good and it is located near the Theater Department's new complex of offices, design rooms and a smaller theater in the round.

The Committee agreed to provide you with an honorarium of $350.00. Members were most appreciative that you would accept this smaller "fee" in keeping with what we believe is the spirit of the occasion. As I indicated on the phone, we also expect to reimburse any expenses which you incur in traveling to Kent.

After our conversation I rechecked with various airlines about travel Hartford-Cleveland, Akron or Pittsburgh. Some of the information I had was the same as yours. The most convenient schedule appears to be:

   U. S. Air  #339  departs Hartford 7:45 - arrives Pittsburgh 9:03
   U. S. Air  #424  departs Cleveland 7:11 - arrives Hartford 8:36.

There is also a flight (U. S. Air #127) which leaves Hartford 11:50, arrives Cleveland 1:16. We would be willing to meet you in Pittsburgh if there is a need to do so. The drive from Pittsburgh is about one hour and fifty minutes, and from Cleveland it is about fifty minutes. I also discovered that Air New England may initiate a Sunday schedule Hartford to Cleveland and a return that night. If they do, the announcement would be made in April. Perhaps we could wait until mid-April to confirm flight arrangements.
I have not worked on a "scenario" for the day but I am mindful of your desire to return to Hartford at a reasonable hour. Following your arrival you will probably have lunch with a small group which might also give you a tour of the site where the May, 1970 shootings occurred. We have reserved the Theater from 2:00-5:00 and might plan your talk and questions if you are willing, between 3:00 or 3:30 and 5:00. If the program was finished at 5:00, we could have you at the airport about 6:15.

When they are collected, I will see that you receive some materials about Kent State and May 4, 1970. There is a new book published by Kendall/Hunt which I am attempting to get for you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about coming to Kent or the program for May 3, 1981. If you would send me confirmation of the flights preferred, we could make definite plans for the day.

Sincerely,

Kim P. Sebaly
Assistant Professor

KPS/sp
March 31, 1981

Mary Catherine Bateson
Dean of the Faculty
Amherst College
Amherst, MA 01002

Dear Dean Bateson:

Thank you for your letter. I will let you know if Air New England installs Sunday flights that are more convenient than those you have reserved. We will, of course, plan to meet you in Pittsburgh if there is no change.

Could you send me a title for your lecture? A program for the May 3-4 events will be printed soon and the time and place of your address will be listed. Also, would you object if we put a note about you and the lecture in the student newspaper and our local paper? If you do not mind, I would be most appreciative if you could send me any background information about yourself that we might use in such an announcement.

Enclosed are some of the promised materials and the recent work by Payne.

Sincerely yours,

Kim P. Sebaly
Assistant Professor

KPS/sp
Enc.
Professor Kim P. Sebaly  
Educational Foundations  
406 White Hall  
Kent State University  
Kent, Ohio 44242

Dear Kim Sebaly:  

My present reservations for coming to Kent are as follows:  

Lv. Hartford/Springfield  7:45 a.m. US Air #339  May 3  
Arr. Pittsburgh  9:03 a.m.  

Lv. Cleveland  7:11 p.m. US Air #424  May 3  
Arrive Hartford/Springfield  8:25 p.m.  

Thus, I would be grateful if you or one of your colleagues could meet me in Pittsburgh at 9:03 in the morning, Sunday, May 3, and I would hope that we could take advantage of the drive from Pittsburgh for me to broaden my knowledge of the situation at Kent. I will count on you to let me know in April if you would recommend a different flight.

With regard to my honorarium, I would like to have it made payable to the Institute for Intercultural Studies, c/o Sloane & Hinshaw, Suite 1C, 145 East 74th Street, New York, New York 10021, a foundation that supports research to promote intercultural understanding, for which I sometimes donate my time.

The location you have chosen sounds like a good one and I will have to rely on your estimates of the kind of turnout you can expect. I think that it would be helpful to me to have a rest after the lunch and before the lecture. Otherwise, I leave the planning to you.

Sincerely,  

Mary Catherine Bateson  
Dean of the Faculty

mcb/ms
TO: Kim Sebaly

FROM: D. Ray Heisey

DATE: 4-27-81

SUBJECT

Here is a draft of a piece for the news that you requested. I hope you will feel free to revise in any way you see fit.

I think your choice of Dr. Bateson is an excellent one for this occasion. She is an intellectual who is a deeply caring person. I believe her thoughts and words will be well-suited for the university audience.
One part of the May 4th Commemorative Program being sponsored by the Faculty Senate is an address by Mary Catherine Bateson to the university-community on Sunday May 3 at 3:00 in the Kiva. Following Mrs. Bateson's address, a reception for her will be held in Room 206 of the Student Center. During the reception it is expected that Mrs. Bateson will respond to questions from members of the audience who have joined her at the reception.

A friend of mine at the University of Hawaii introduced me to Mary Catherine's work on conscious purpose and human adaptation. The article which is enclosed came to my attention last autumn when the Faculty Senate's May 4th Committee began making plans for this spring. The themes which it touches (e.g. care in the selection of metaphors, pre-empting the future,, need for adults to care for children) seemed to me to be closely related to the difficulty we have in healing the wounds of May, 1970. These are some of the reasons why I thought it appropriate to invite her to come. She considered the invitation and agreed to accept the invitation.

The title of her address is "Those We Call By Name." I do not think whe will attempt to analyse what happened here except to note that Kent State has become the symbol for so much that occurred in our society in the 1960's and 70's. I think that she will speak about the conflict between the generations and the need for consensus and healing.

Thank you very much for agreeing to write a piece for the news service. I will pick it up Monday if you will have your secretary call when it is ready. I hope that you will introduce her to us when she addresses our community on May 3.
Dr. Mary Catherine Bateson, Dean of Faculty at Amherst College, will address the university community on Sunday, May 3, 1981, at 3:00 in the Kiva of the Student Center. Her address is titled "Those We Call By Name." A reception will follow.

Dean Bateson is an anthropologist with specialization in linguistics and human communication. Her degrees are from Radcliffe where she was Magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa and from Harvard where she held NDFL, Ford Foundation, and Woodrow Wilson fellowships.

Prior to her current position, her professional experience included instructor in Arabic at Harvard, associate professor of anthropology at Ateneo de Manila University, Senior Research Fellow in psychology and philosophy at Brandeis, research staff member at MIT, associate professor at Northeastern, Dean of Graduate Studies at Demavand College, a private women's college in Tehran, and Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities at Reza Shah Kabir University, a newly-developed graduate institution on the Caspian Sea in northern Iran, now known as University of Northern Iran.

Her publications are extensive in the areas of Middle Eastern languages and literature, human interaction, metaphor in thought patterns and communication, ritualization in human behavior, and cultural and character types. She has written most recently on the metaphor of kinship and the need for a nation to care properly for its children.

She has done field research in the Philippines and in Iran. She has developed curricula for teaching language and culture and has conducted research on values in modern Iranian culture. She organized the Iranian National Character Study Group and conducted research in that organization on ideal character types, based on small group interaction observed regularly over a period of time between persons of different cultures in Tehran.

Presently she is working on a series of essays on modern Iranian values, a book "Marrying Into Iran," and a biographical study of Margaret Mead and Gregory Bateson. She is married to Sarkev Kasarjian and has a twelve-year old daughter, Vonnie.
As many of you know, the Faculty Senate sponsored a portion of the recent May 4 Commemoration Program. Dr. Mary Catherine Bateson, Professor of Anthropology and Dean of the Faculty of Amherst College, delivered an address pertinent to the occasion, a thought provoking, eloquent statement on life, nurturing, continuity, and the worth of the individual. She later conversed informally but no less cogently with several members of the University and the wider community. On May 4, the University Chorale and Sinfonia presented a very inspired program, two movements of Bach's 'B-Minor Mass.' The music is a treasure to the world and the School of Music a treasure to the University.

Other aspects of the Commemoration were an art exhibit in the University Center and a display of material from the University Archives.

An earlier appeal for funds has garnered $315, a bit less than half of what is needed. If you have not contributed, please send your check, payable to the Faculty May 4 Convocation Fund, to the Faculty Senate, 113 Franklin.

For those who have contributed, a heartfelt thanks.

JTH:mtt
November 13, 1981

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To whom it may concern:

Enclosed is a check for $350.00 on behalf of Mary Catherine Bateson. Mrs. Bateson came to KSU last May 3 for our Faculty May 4 Convocation Program. She requested that her honorarium be sent to the Institute.

Sincerely,

Hugh P. Munro
Chairman, Faculty Senate

HPM: mto
Enclosure