

WATERTOWN, JUNE 20, 2008.

Dear Mr. President Bush:

Please forgive me for disturbing you with my letter. I'll try to make it "short" as possible in order not to take too much of your precious time.

The other day I picked-up an old dirty paper on the street and looked into its content. There I found a very interesting article which I would like to share with you Mr. President.

Since the paper was in bad shape and couldn't make a decent copy of the article, I have decided to copy it with my handwriting and send it to you.

To make it short again I would like to introduce ourselves. This is Morris and Edith Hollender, born in Czechoslovakia. We are survivors of Auschwitz and other concentration camps. After recovering from serious illnesses we succeeded to leave a dictatorship and came to the United States 40 years ago. We managed to adjust to our new adopted country, studied English and got good jobs. I worked as a technician in electronics and stayed 37 years with the same company. I have retired at age 78. My wife got a job at the Botany Department at Harvard University where she is still working part time.

We are grateful to our new country which welcomed us with open arms and gave us the opportunity to live in freedom. We have been always treated fairly and in a friendly way. All these qualities of life will be cherished by both of us forever.

Every week in our temple we are praying for our Country, for our President and for all elected officials. May GOD BLESS AMERICA- ALWAYS.

With best wishes to you Mr. President and to your loved ones.

Sincerely,

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## Local View Honoring the scapegoat.

What would we do without scapegoats?

It is so convenient to have someone within easy reach who can take all the blame for every real or imagined malfunction, shortfall or wrong turn. This relieves the rest of us of any sense of guilt that otherwise might cause us to carry some of the load, some of the guilt, some of the shortcomings that have contributed to the problems at hand.

What would we do if we didn't have a lame-duck president with no hope of any political future and no possibility of any power for self-defense in the future?

George W. Bush is serving as the depository of all our discontent and the target of all our animosity. In this setting, it is easy to let him carry the burden while we relax in self-satisfied calm.

This is not the first time in American history that the nation has watched a president suffer the stings of criticism for every wrong and every perceived wrong inflicted upon the nation and its populace from without or within. And it likely will not be the last.

It is perhaps worth noting that the most of the chief executives caught in such a dilemma,

history has been kind. After the passage of years, in most cases the truth, wisdom and effectiveness of the man on the hot seat of time has regained much of its luster. With it comes recognition as an effective leader and one who made important contributions toward fulfillment of an American dream.

I do not personally agree with all of Bush's positions on all the great numbers of critical matters he has dealt with while serving at the center of the action, but I do see wisdom in many of his judgments.

No man hardly could be so overwhelmingly guilty of nothing but error of the level and number of those of his accusers' invention. Furthermore, he has done many good, wise, wholesome and constructive things that will prove with time to have been remarkably good.

So I rise to his defense and to declare the nation is in better condition that he found it. I count many remarkable achievements that long will be remembered as right, just and good while bearing the unavoidable BUSH imprint.

Having worn the garments of the scapegoat myself, I extend to him my sympathy and my thanks for all the wise, productive and profitable experiences America and Americans have enjoyed under his leadership. The total is of awesome proportions.

He especially will be honored by history for his protection and advancement of sound American ideals and dedication to the essential ideal of universal liberty. A high degree of stubbornness, a typical trait of the American hero, has served

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him well in that regard and preserved for our posterity a legacy to be worn with pride and honor through the long years ahead.

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