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26 January 1949

Lt. Benjamin Groundwater
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Dear Lt. Groundwater:

I regret that I find it necessary for me to tender my resignation as Treasurer of the Fairlington PTA. Effective as of the close of business 31 January 1949. This action has become necessary because of the fact that my present assignment in Washington will be completed prior to 14 February 1949. It is my intention to go on Leave of Absence about that time, and to then proceed to school prior to an overseas assignment.

I shall prepare a complete statement for the period of my incumbency as Treasurer, ending with the period 31 January 1949. This statement will also include a listing of property. It will be greatly appreciated if you will arrange to have the Auditing Committee meet on approximately Friday, 4 January 1949, at which time I shall probably have received the Bank Statement for reconciliation. It is undoubtedly preferable to have the meeting arranged in my office where all records are maintained. They are rather voluminous, and any questions raised by the Auditing Committee can then readily be answered. I do not feel warranted in taking them home. It is possible that you may wish to immediately appoint a successor, and if such is the case, he may wish to be present when my records are audited and they can then be immediately turned over to him. My office address is Room 5A 734, the Pentagon, Telephone Republic 6700, Extension 74740.

It has indeed been a pleasure to work with the members of the PTA and my primary purpose in accepting the stewardship bestowed upon me was to be of aid and assistance to the children. Frankly, I feel that our PTA wastes a great deal of time in discussing non-essentials, and is spending its money for trifling objectives instead of one main objective. Col. McDuff's suggestion, originally made at the first Executive Committee meeting, that not more than three objectives be adhered to, is a sound one. You will undoubtedly note when you receive my final statement, that we have actually accomplished nothing in a material way for the benefit of the children.

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I feel, at this stage of the game, because of the large sum of money we still have on hand, that the most practical thing to do is to give each room \$40.00. We have the funds, and by so doing we will have at least done one constructive thing in approximately six months of tenure.

I realize, as you undoubtedly do, that the position of the treasurer is normally considered a routine task, but nevertheless it is frequently arduous. I am certain that your next Treasurer would appreciate it if Committee members would cooperate with him in promptly remitting unpaid bills to him; depositing funds collected immediately upon receipt; cashing Association checks without delay; and not requesting advances for items which present records indicate are not needed in such haste. A little cooperation on their part would enable the association to be in a position to immediately ascertain its financial status. Such is not the case at present. This action, or lack of action, creates a considerable hardship on the budget officer, I am sure. The foregoing suggestions are offered only in a spirit of constructive criticism and for such action as you may consider advisable to insure that the Fairlington PTA remain a sound organization.

Sincerely,

WALTER G. MEYER