

→ MS; call Boston HEW and ask them
what they suggest we do.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

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DATE 6 March 1972

TO: Arthur Lindberg, Personnel Office

FROM: George P Anderson, DAM

SUBJECT: HEW demand for data on race, creed, and color.

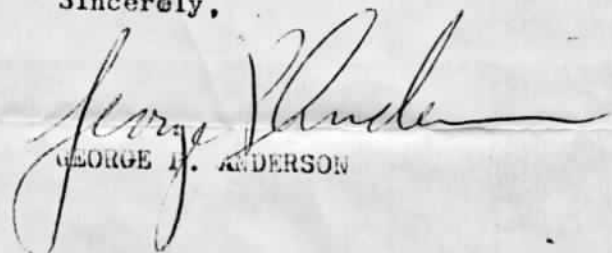
Press reports indicate that Brown is being required to supply data to HEW indicating the race, creed and color of each employee. I consider such a request to be an insult and a violation of my privacy. I do hereby refuse to permit Brown University or any of its officers or agents to supply such information bearing upon myself to any agency of government and request Brown to so indicate such refusal to all concerned.

I further feel that Brown University itself has no need for such information and demand that any such records in my personnel file be destroyed for the same reasons stated earlier.

I have held a professional appointment at Brown for twenty years and know that Brown has not discriminated on the basis of race, creed, or color in years past. What I felt was wrong elsewhere twenty or more years ago and which I spoke out against then is just as wrong now in spite of whatever double talk it is wrapped within. To put it bluntly, HEW is engaged in extortion and you are free to quote me.

I feel the present situation poses a very real threat to my civil rights and as you know, I am not one to quietly accept a threat. I am hardly alone in my feelings and I know actions by you to protect our rights will receive the warm support of a large body on campus that has in the past quietly done its duty.

Sincerely,


GEORGE P. ANDERSON

cc: Mr Hornig
Mr Stevens