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I hope these words, idea, reduced to writing, will assist you in helping me get this idea off the pad and in orbit. As you know I am 76 years of age, and my heart condition means that I am in less than vigorous health. <sup>BUT NOT ALL THESE FACTS 12/20</sup> That means that I am in the closing minutes of my sudden death overtime quarter. Nevertheless, I am committed, to not only finding ways to prove that as regards to America's Human Capital needs, Affirmative Action was a blessing, that its benefits are evident everywhere, and that the pay off <sup>was</sup> as only just began. <sup>And</sup> finally, that I have every intention of dying on the job, working the cause, in a all out effort to prove my point, and that I was right after all.

I could say more, but I think I have made my point. Thanks again for your willingness to asset me in this mission.