

>whites
 >identified with the richer and more prominent whites and they felt they
 >were
 >carrying out their wishes because of the southern rhetoric used by so many
 >of
 >the wealthier southern whites. This does not excuse the wealthier whites,
 >even to this day. Sadly enough, Ted Turner had a message at Thanksgiving
 >some years back at the Atlanta Airport to the effect that he missed the
 >days
 >of "My Old Kentucky Home" and he has had the music from GONE WITH THE
 >WIND
 >played as a memento to the "old south", two insults and hurts to
 >African
 >Americans. Look at Scott Simon, never allowing on such articulate experts
 >on
 >the Middle East such as Edward Said or myself on his weekend programs
 >because
 >we speak with no accent, don't lose our temper, don't shout and are
 >effective at conveying the Arab, Palestinian and Islamic message about
 >unfairness in the Middle East. Scott and I belonged to the Watergate
 >Health
 >Club and we often spoke, but though I requested it, he would never invite
 >me
 >on his programs though he knew of my status as a professor, former Director
 >of The Islamic Center of Washington, DC and a scholar on the Middle East.
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 >It is the same when you turn on NPR programs, it has become the Shelby
 >Foote,
 >Ken Burns view of history assisted by Gates. A friend of mine saw the
 >"documentary" about Gen. Stonewall Jackson, his response was that it
 >was so
 >overloaded with sentiment that he almost forgot (though he's black) that
 >Jackson was fighting to defend slavery! It is clear that NPR is not for all
 >of us, but for a chosen few such as Scott Simon, Shelby Foote, Ken Burns,
 >Daniel Shorr "where are the African Americans, the Arab Americans, the
 >Latino
 >Americans, the Native Americans on the daily and weekly shows? Certainly
 >we
 >have many trained in journalism and broadcasting, but we cannot break the
 >monopoly; not even for commentary or those little ditties that complain
 >about
 >the world of pots and pans and about "how I lost my virginity at 17"
 >etc.
 >etc. ad nauseum, when there are more important issues to deal with in
 >racism
 >in jazz, racism in politics, racism in education and testing, and so much
 >more--but these weaklings chuckle it off as, "we need a little
 >humor"--which
 >is true, but then again, they are supposed to be "news" not
 >entertainment. Also,
 >Also, why is it that they don't have an African American speaking about
 >racism in Africa, or an Arab also reporting on the problems between
 >Palestinians and Israel (why do 90% of these reporters "just happen" to be
 >Jewish?) Certainly, there must be some other qualified, educated
 >broadcasters in America.
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 >Whether it be Salon.com, which features Horowitz and his ilk, NBC, Harpers,
 >NY Times, NPR, it's all the same, politics by Scott Simon and Daniel Shorr
 >on
 >weekends, the "freedom of speech" often of hate-mongers or politicians from
 >the far right, followed by some tepid "centerists" allowed to allegedly

>tones, but also those who keep the true voices out of circulation in the
 >mass
 >media--why weren't there more real jazz musicians on Ken Burns' show, why
 >Stanley Crouch and not Ahmad Jamal or Oscar Peterson or Ishmael Reed--why
 >so
 >much of that Gatesian type musician, Wynton Marsalis; every good trumpet
 >player knows that Wynton is fantastic technically, but that he can't even
 >blow in the same room as Wallace Roney on trumpet or his brother Branford
 >on
 >sax.Â So whether it's politics unmasked, or politics as covered in
 >cultural
 >shows by exclusion, it is the same.Â Thus, it was just that the U.S. was
 >kicked off the UN Human Rights Commission and even kicked off the UN
 >Narcotics Control Commission (because we've been remiss in both areas).
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 >I have often been embarrassed when America has chided and criticized other
 >nations for their racial and human rights violations--because, though we
 >may
 >not be as bad as some, we are no angels in our behavior toward our
 >minorities
 >and we often turn one minority against another in order to allow the ruling
 >group to stay in power; this is often done through the media.Â We have
 >also
 >now shown a proper representation in our media of important stories or
 >ethnic
 >groups.Â In the present situation, the rights of African Americans to have
 >compensation for their years of suffering, past and present, has been given
 >short shrift by the media and the media and many of its leading spokesmen
 >have even spoken against these just reparations.Â It is doubly sad that so
 >many of these spokesmen are Jewish, they use Hitler's methods against
 >African
 >Americans and against Palestinians and excuse it by saying, "we've
 >suffered--don't tell me about your suffering because it's not as bad.";
 >bah,
 >humbug.
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 >As they used to say in the 60s,Â "IT IS TIME."
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Government Relations/Community Affairs/Public Relations Consultant Benchmark
Study Supplemental Report

Because of the interest expressed about the plan, strategy and tactics I employed to fulfill my assignment as RAM's. Government Relations, Community Affairs/ Public Relations, consultant for the USPS, OIG funded minority business opportunity "Best Practices" Bench Mark Study Project, I proceeded to do the following: produce the attached summery report of my activities in carrying out that assignment.

The progress reports, statements, letters, etc., contained in this supplemental report dose the following; They reveal the approached I employed to mobilize assistance and secure support from certain concerned members of the congress, trade associations executives, and corporate government relations executive based in the nation's capitol.

However, it doesn't stop there. These items also indicate the approach I used to secure the support, help, etc. from a special class of Fortune 500 Firms; The special class in question are firm's that are included in that magazines, 100 top firms that engage in "Best Practices". In this case, the term "Best Practices" applies to the recruiting,, hiring, training, developing, up-grading the skills, and promoting women and minorities that are already included in their respective workforces as well as those in the process of become the employees of such firms.

However, since OIG's contract with RAM, called for investigating Best Practices regarding contracting with minorities specifically, I also concentrated my efforts on the

determine how well the latter are performing as contractors with Fortune 500 and other major firms.

Should the Inspector General, or any decision maker in that office feel the need to question me direct about the items contained in this supplementary report, I'll be more than happy to comply with their request. I am also willing discuss its content with any member of the USPS Board of Governors. The same applies to appearing before Congressional Oversight Committees in the House of Representatives and/or the Senate.

Before concluding these introductory comments I feel compelled to add the following;

In my opinion the value of this particular Bench Mark Study Investigation is this; It's true that positive change on the race relations front is moving a snail's pace.

Nevertheless considerable progress has been and is being made on the in that area during the final quarter of the 20th Century. However, as the 21st Century gets underway, the state of race relations throughout the country is in shambles. And the threat of violence is evident in any directions one might look. But that's not all. Where this issue is concerned debilitating lingering hopelessness and mass confusion seems to be the order of the day.

The above scenario appears to be the case from coast to coast, border to border and all points in between. And, to make horrible matters worse, the bad news is neither the Bush Administration, members of Congressional, nor political or government leaders, at any level of government have a clue as to what to do next.

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Nevertheless because change seems to be occurring at or short of a snails pace, and people of goodwill by the millions, blacks and whites, are growing impatient both individually and collectively, the question being ask by all concerned is how do we expedite the process? Where do we go from here? what's next?

And my answer to those questions is "Best Practices".

the congress, to reveal that although ever so slowly, progress has and still is being made, and given that the leadership in both political parties are unaware of this fact and appear to be at a lose as to what government at all level should do next to get back on a positive track, and since the study RAM has engaged in on behalf of the USPS, OIG, believes that although below the PR radar, certain big business firms are already engaged in the next giant step forward, I have already launched a campaigned to induce the Bush Administration and the Congress, to Authorize and fund a series of government wide Best Practices Bench Mark Studies utilizing the modeled that OIG, contract with RAM.

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Should I succeed in achieving this objective, the Best Practices Bench Mark Study Project, authorized and funded by he USPS, Office of the Inspector General will have served to make the next giant step on the read to making the so-called American way of life a reality for every American Citizen, race, gender, ethnic origin, physical impairment notwithstanding.