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TO: Mr. Rauschenberg (FAX: (OOI)(813)472-5947.
FROM: Georgia Lobacheff (FAX: 856-2257)

Mrs. Bradley Jeffries (assistant to Rauschenberg)

This is Georgia Lobacheff writing again. I dont

want to beder you but I must sknow if Mr. Rauschenbar

is going to answer the questions I sent to him last

week. If he has decided not to answer, please let

me know. I know Mr. Rauschenberg is a very busy

artist. If he wants to answer the questions by phone,

please book an interview and send to me his telephone

number. Thank you again. Georgia Lobacheff

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I sent this AT 5:45 p.m. SATURDAY. Here IT IS AGAIN.

FAX TO ...

GEORGIA LOBACHEFF JORNAL DA TARDE SAO PAULO. BRAZIL Bradley JEFFRIES
9/26/94

DEAR MS. LOBACHEFF,

FOLLOWING ARE ANSWERS TO SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS TO MR. RAUSCHENBERG. THE NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO YOUR QUESTION NUMBERS.

- 1) WHEN I STARTED , THE INFLUENCE WAS MOSTLY EUROPEAN. ALL ART INFLUENCES ME.
- 2) I STILL AM.
- 3) I DIDN'T KNOW CHAMBERLAIN THERE. JOSEPH ALBERS HAS BEEN MY MOST INFLUENTIAL TEACHER. BLACK MOUNTAIN ALSO WAS IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF MUSIC AND DANCE AND BEING ABLE TO TALK TO BUCKMINSTER FULLER.
- 4) JUST AS ANY OTHER ART.
- 6) I AM WORKING ON THREE PROJECTS WITH THE TRISHA BROWN COMPANY. I JUST FINISHED A NEW COLLABORATION WITH MERCE CUNNINGHAM AT THE JOYCE THEATRE IN NEW YORK CITY. I HAVE WORKED WITH PAUL TAYLOR AND STEVE PAXTON...AND OF COURSE I AM STILL INTERESTED OR I WOULDN'T BE DOING IT.
- 8) I STILL OWN MOST OF THEM. THAT'S WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF THEM. THEY WERE DONE IN THE 1950s.
- 9) THEY WERE COMBINATIONS OF BOTH STREET AND ART IDEALISM.
- 11) IT CHANGES EVERY DAY.
- 12) YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET THIS LIST FROM THE BINNEAL HEADQUARTER:
- 14) I WAS PART OF THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART (NEW YORK) PRESENTATION IN SAO PAULO SOME 25-30 YEARS AGO WITH A PIECE CALLED BARGE.

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- 15) NO, BUT I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO FINDING OUT.
- 16) I DEDICATED, WITH GREAT SATISFACTION AND CONFIDENCE, MOST OF MY ROCI ACTIVITIES TO PLACES THAT HAD NOT KNOWN WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE REST OF THE WORLD.

(NOTE: RAUSCHENBERG OVERSEAS CULTURE INTERCHANGE (ROCI) WAS A MULTI-CULTURAL ART AND PEACE-SEEKING ODYSSEY BETWEEN 1984-1991 THAT TRAVELED TO MEXICO, CHILE, VENEZUELA, JAPAN, CHINA, TIBET, MOSCOW, BERLIN, CUBA, MALAYSIA AND THE USA.)

- 17) ALL OF THEM.
- 18) I'M WAITING TO FIND OUT.
- 19) (SEE ENCLOSED FACT SHEET ABOUT CHANGE, INC.)
- 20) YES, ART CAN CHANGE THE WORLD, HOPEFULLY FOR THE BETTER.

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Change Inc. has received funds from the National Endowment for the Arts, the New York Council on the Arts, and the Mobil Oil Corporation. Fund raising sales of art donated to the Change Inc. collection have been hosted by the Museum of Modern Art and Sonnabend Gallery. Steuben Glass has sponsored two benefits, the Scott Hanson Gallery has sponsored one, and most recently Barney's New York hosted a benefit at the store in Houston. All of the proceeds from these events are used entirely for aid to the artists.

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