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JOHN W. POWELL
*Security Director and
Associate Dean of Students*

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Miss Eleanor Clifton
Dean of Students
Simmons College
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dean Clifton:

On the night of November 22, 1964, one of our University Police Officers detected a Yale student returning to his College in possession of a rather heavy concrete, oval shaped, jardiniere. The student admitted that he had picked up this jardiniere on the sidewalk in front of a building at your College. He was returning from the Yale-Harvard football game at the time, and he maintained that the jardiniere was empty, and that it had been overturned and lying on the edge of the curb.

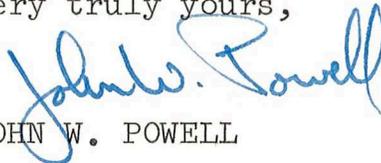
The jardiniere is approximately one foot tall and one and a half feet wide. It is ~~the~~ type of thing that could be used for a cigarette receptacle, or possibly a plant. It weighs about 25 pounds, and has some decorations inscribed on the outside.

A photo of this urn is enclosed.

I would appreciate your advising me as to whether this is the property of your College. In the event that it is, I will see that the student returns it to you, or to whomever you would designate.

Thank you for your help on these matters of mutual interest.

Very truly yours,


JOHN W. POWELL

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December 2, 1964

Mr. John W. Powell
Security Director and Associate Dean of Students
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Powell:

You were more than kind to take the trouble to write to me about the concrete jardiniere which one of the Yale students has admitted moving from the Simmons campus. You were very generous, too, to take the trouble to photograph this object and send it to me. Yes, it is, we believe, one of the cigarette receptacles which we purchased at one time and had placed outside the entrances of the individual dormitories. I might say that these little urns have been anything but satisfactory, because they seem to have attracted a great many young men who have removed them for souvenir purposes.

If you still feel that it is advisable to have the Yale student in question return the property borrowed from Simmons College, may I suggest to you that you instruct him to take it to the Manager of Residence, whose office is at 321 Brookline Avenue, Boston, and present it to Miss Margaret Fairchild or some member of her staff. She will then have it reinstalled in its proper location.

Again, thank you very much for your kindness and your prompt letter. The things that disappear from the physical plant of a women's college never fail to surprise me. Not too many years ago two very handsome bronze plates, three feet square, were removed from the very front door of the main administration building here at Simmons. Just one of these has been recovered and that was found in a dormitory room in a nearby men's university. I hope you will feel less disturbed by the action of a Yale student in knowing that we are not unaccustomed to this type of loss. Again, thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Eleanor Clifton
Dean

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