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*A Chemist Helping Chemists*

January 17, 1997

The Honourable Herbert Gray  
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Dear Herb:

Your friends, not just in Canada but around the world, must have been cheered on learning that you are improving. May this continue, to 120.

Today I would like to ask you for your help in a very strange matter.

From time to time, I have found some very good paintings that fit well into the collection of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre. For instance, just a few months ago, I saw a beautiful painting at Sotheby's in New York, and I gave Queen's University the money to purchase it. It now hangs in the exhibition at our art centre entitled, *Wisdom, Knowledge & Magic*.

The mechanics are simple: When I bid for Queen's, whether at auction or with a dealer, I simply send Queen's my U.S. check and the University then pays for it. But then, when Queen's imports the painting, it has to pay a tax, I believe 7.5%, only part of which may be recoverable.

This, of course, seems absurd: Here I am giving Queen's a gift which doesn't cost Canada a penny because I pay taxes in the U.S. and not in Canada. Why should Queen's have to pay a tax on what in essence is a gift by an alumnus? Of course, I can understand that whoever drafted the legislation for the tax couldn't possibly foresee such circumstances. And yet, the facts are clear, and I hope that you can arrange for some sort of administrative decision that gifts coming to Canadian universities or Canadian museums should not be subject to that tax.

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It has occurred to me that Kingston's most helpful member of Parliament, Peter Milliken, might be able to help also, and so I am taking the liberty of sending a copy to him and also to Professor David McTavish, the director of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre.

My request is particularly timely at the moment because I am thinking of making some major purchases of paintings for Queen's, and I very much hope that this tax can be rescinded.

Isabel joins me in our good wishes for your continued recovery.

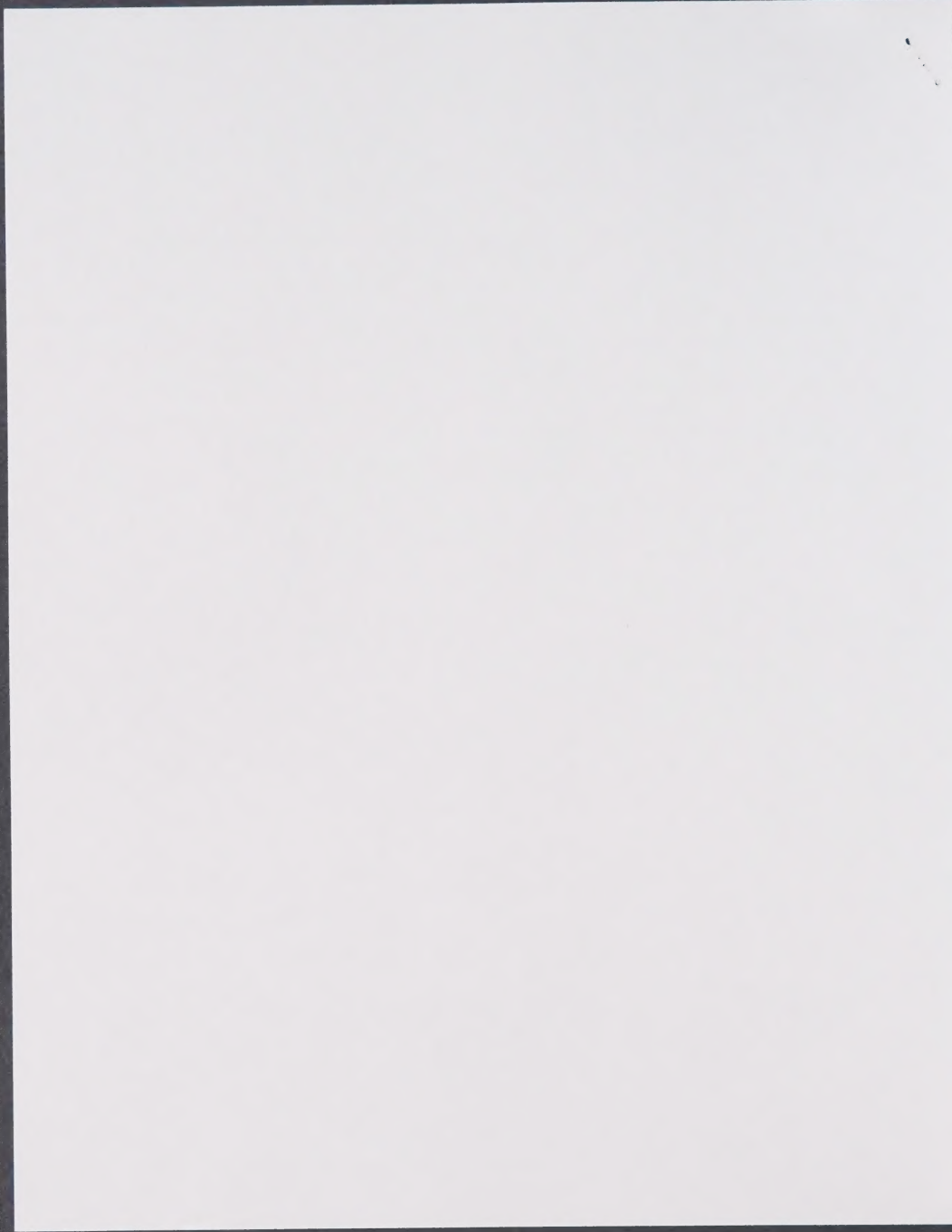
With many thanks for your help and best regards, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw

c: The Honourable Peter Milliken  
Member of Parliament  
Professor David McTavish  
Director, Agnes Etherington Art Centre

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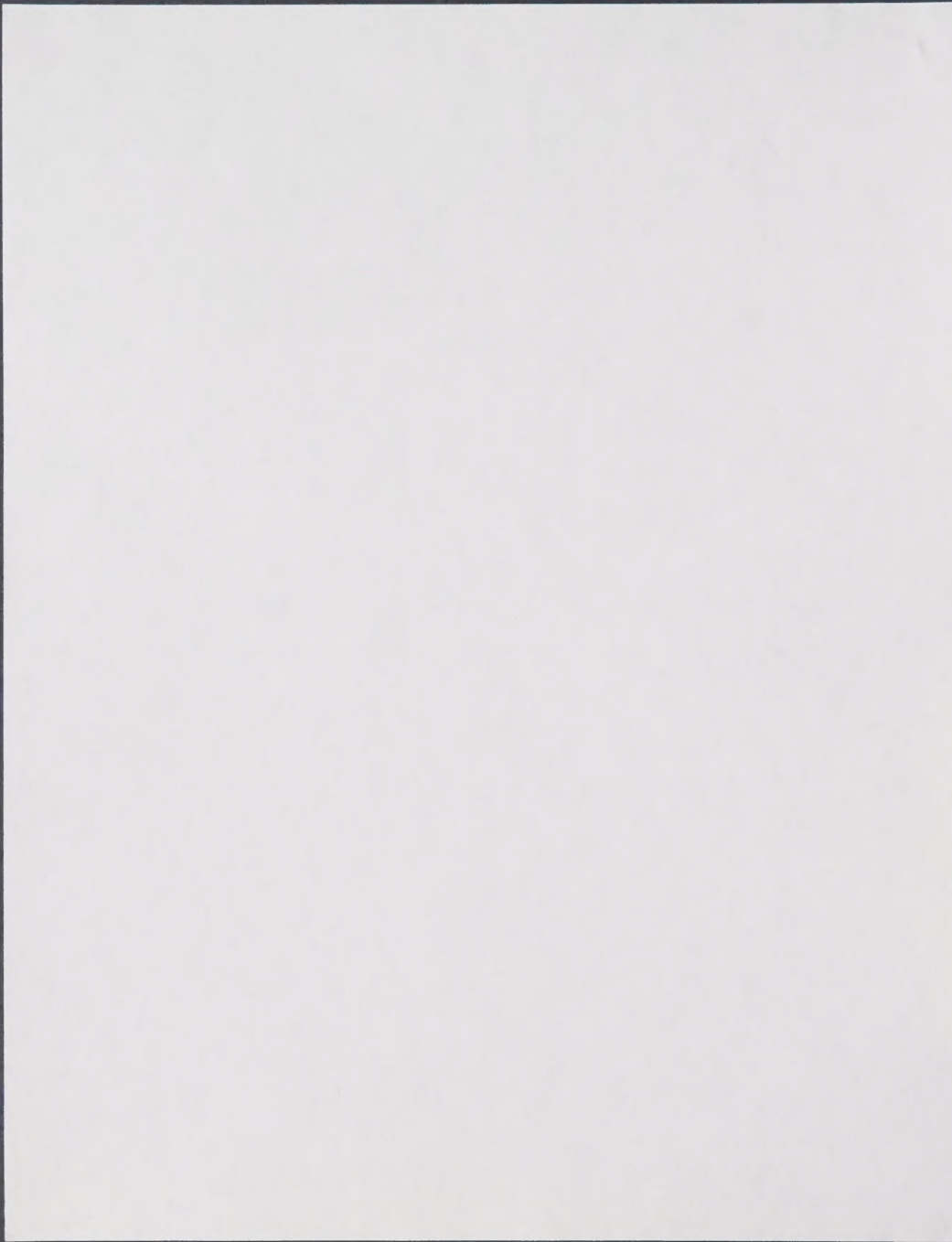
Dear Herb:

What can one say to a man one admires and respects who has suddenly become ill?

Isabel's and my prayers and sincere wishes for a speedy recovery are with you.

Yours sincerely,

AB/cw



# Friends say cancer won't sideline Gray long

## Outlook promising for cabinet minister

OTTAWA/The Canadian Press

HE'S A CLASSICAL PIANIST WITH A love for rock 'n' roll.

But politics is Solicitor General Herb Gray's passion, and friends say the esophagus cancer the government House leader and top cop has been diagnosed with will only be a temporary setback.

"I don't think you'll see him away too much at all," long-time friend Walter Muroff said yesterday.

"His attitude with this is it's more an interference in his life than anything. He'll just keep barrelling

along and not let it get to him."

With his bushy eyebrows, staid suits and cautious answers, Gray demonstrates an image of decorous conservatism.

But he cracks up staff members with witty one liners, has attended a Boy George concert and regularly is voted one of Parliament's sexiest MPs.

Gray, who has won his Windsor West seat in 11 elections, checked into the Ottawa Civic Hospital 10 days ago for tests. Doctors found small cell carcinoma of the esophagus.

The cancer can be treated.

He has never smoked and is considered a moderate drinker.

"I understand the prognosis is very good," said aide Dan Rogers.

"His hope and desire is to be back in the saddle very soon."

Gray, who turns 65 next month, was 31 when first elected to the Commons in 1962. John Diefenbaker was prime minister, the Beatles had yet to make their North American debut and Brian Mulroney was a law student.

Married with two children, the Windsor lawyer was the first Jewish member of cabinet. He's held a number of portfolios, including national revenue, consumer and corporate affairs, and industry.

He's been president of the Treasury Board and Liberal caucus members used to chant "Herb, Herb, Herb" during his days as interim Opposition leader.

Still, Gray never takes himself too seriously, said friend Garry Fortune, a long-time assistant.

He loves political satire and is a big fan of CBC Radio's Royal Canadian Air Force and Double Exposure.

"The two of us have had to practically pull over because of our fits of laughter, especially when they do their imitations of him," said Fortune.

Gray will sometimes deliver one-liners during meetings that will go over other officials' heads, said one aide.

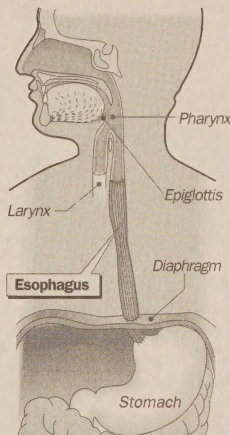
"He'll crack a joke and people don't get it. One of the toughest parts of the job is trying to keep a straight face after he's cracked a really good one," said the aide.

Gray also loves rock music, listening to the likes of Bruce Springsteen, Bob Seeger and the Grateful Dead.

"I have no control over the radio station when we're in the car," said For-

## Gray afflicted by cancer

Solicitor General Herb Gray has been diagnosed with small-cell carcinoma of the esophagus, a relatively rare form of cancer. He is receiving chemotherapy treatment.



### Small-cell carcinoma

Most commonly found in the lungs, but can also occur in the esophagus — the tube that leads from the mouth to the stomach — and other sites.

Source: Home Medical Encyclopedia

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Muroff, a Windsor businessman, said Gray never forgets his constituents.

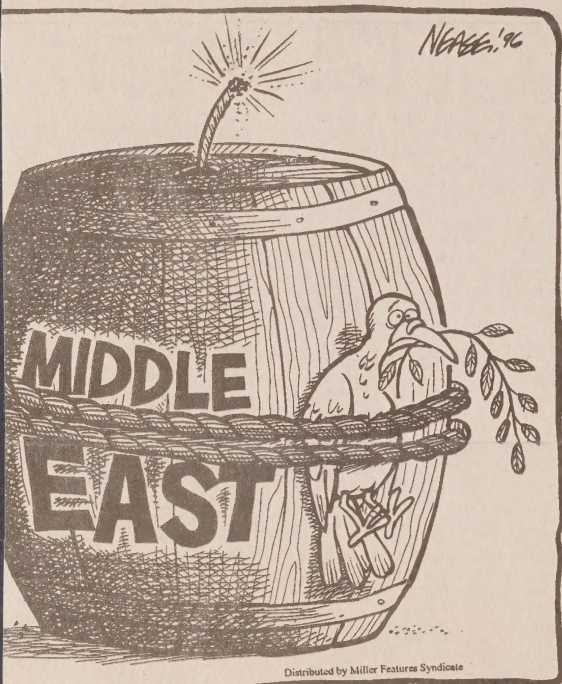
"He takes care of his constituents no matter what party you're from, no matter your background," Muroff said.

"You don't have to go through hoops to get to him. He's very down to earth."

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## OPINION DIGEST

### Israeli shelling an atrocity

Shells slam into a United Nations post. Terrified refugees find no escape. As children die under the lethal barrage, UN officials plead for the shelling to stop. It does not. Not until at least 100 lie dead, another 100 wounded.

The descriptions of this hellish scene, transmitted by every major information service in the world, describe an atrocity. No other word will suffice.

No reasonable person could oppose Israel's right to defend itself against guerrilla attacks, to fight back against the terrorists who fire rockets into northern Israel from southern Lebanon. But how can anyone justify a massacre of Lebanese civilians, of children and families who thought they had found refuge under the UN flag?

What's worse is that the shelling at Qana didn't stop until repeated pleas by the UN at last convinced the Israelis that they were killing civilians.

Sadder still is the fact that this shocking error in judgment should draw little remorse from the top Israeli leadership.

—Edmonton Journal

### Later bar closings make sense

Virtually everywhere else across the country it is possible to get a beer up until almost 2 a.m. or 3 a.m. In many places across the U.S. border, places that Canadians routinely patronize, the hours are even later.

In that light, Ontario's clinging to a 1

## LETTERS

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**Re: Agnes Etherington Art Centre at Queen's University**

Dear Dr. <sup>*Bader*</sup> Bader:

I am writing further to my letter to you of March 7, 1996 and your letter to me of November 10, 1995 regarding your interest in making a donation of works of art to the Agnes Etherington Art Centre at Queen's University.

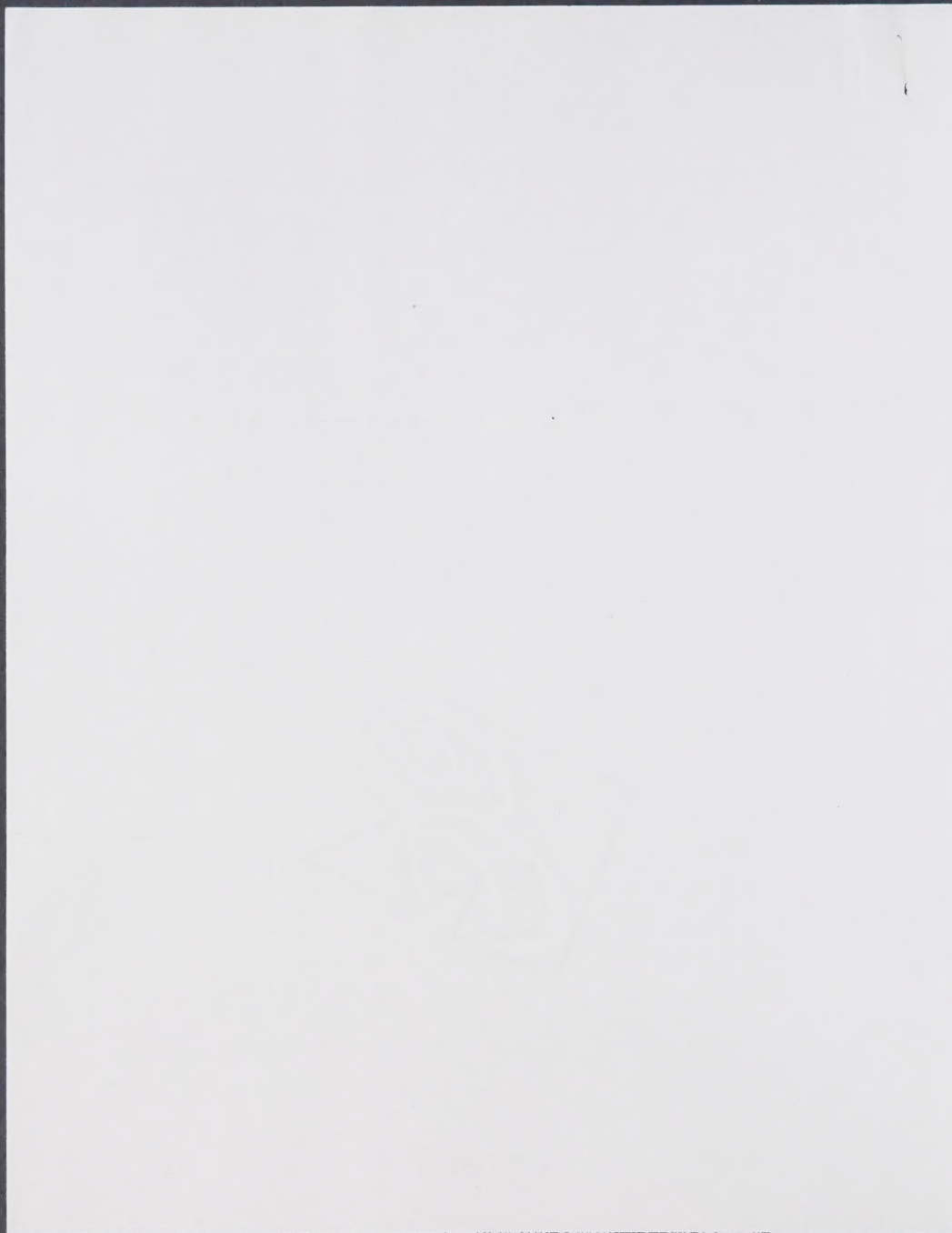
My office has recently been informed by the Executive Assistant to the Minister of Canadian Heritage as follows:

"The request for capital assistance from Queen's University for the Agnes Etherington Art Centre expansion is under consideration.

Since the withdrawal of the \$3-million financial commitment to the project by the Government of Ontario, the Art Centre has downsized the project. Subsequently, Queen's University submitted a request to the Museums Assistance Program of this department. A grant in the amount of \$114 515 was approved in January 1996, for revisions to the architectural drawings. The architect was recently confirmed by the Board of Trustees, and the revised drawings are scheduled to be completed this fall.

Unfortunately, due to current fiscal restraints and limited budget allocations, all grant and contribution programs have experienced significant reductions. Consequently, no capital funds have been secured for the expansion of the Art Centre. Please be assured that department officials continue to monitor the progress of the project."

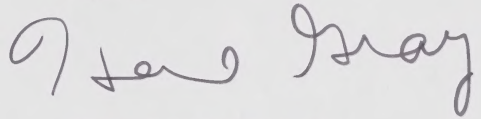
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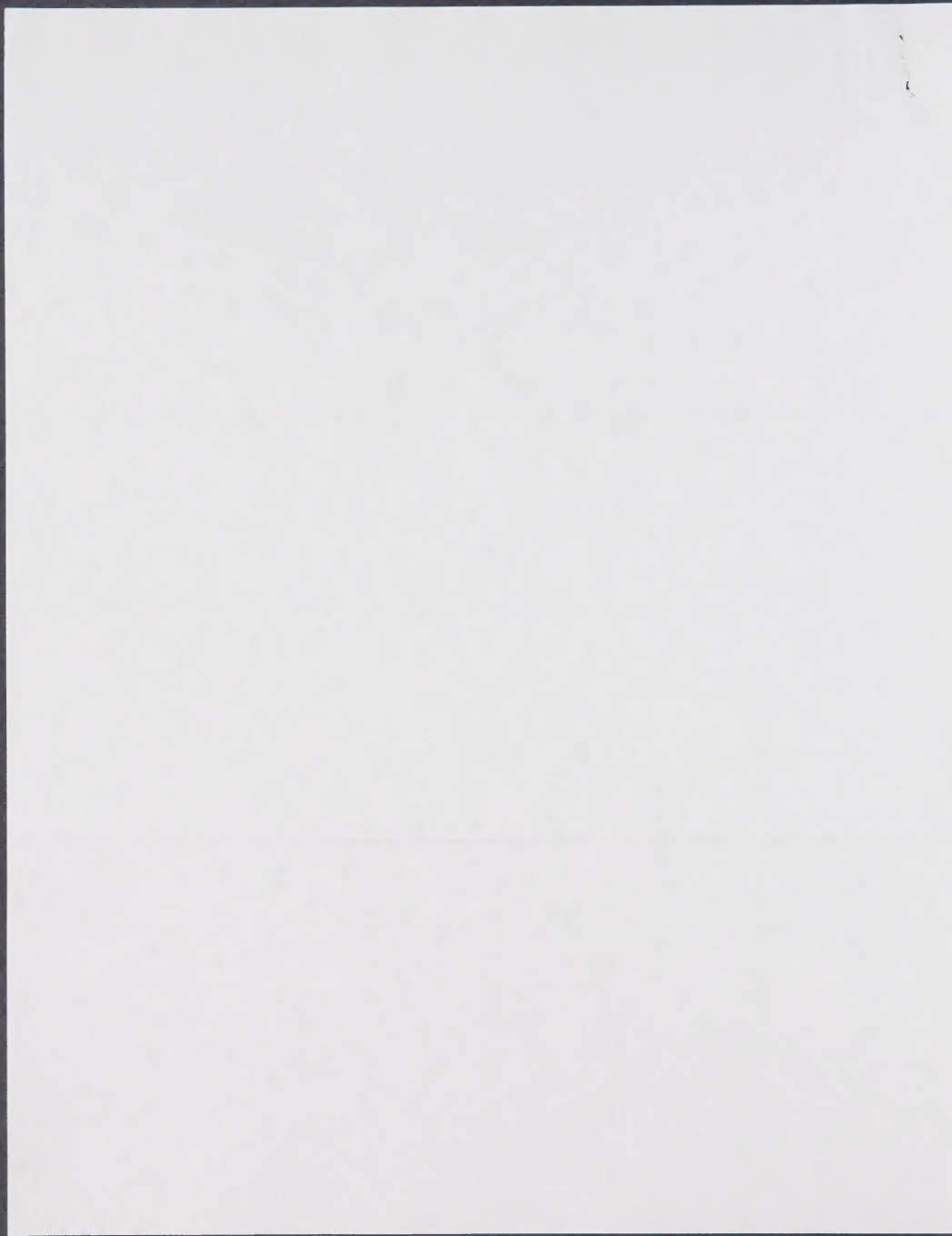
I trust you will find these comments of interest. Please feel free to keep in touch with me on this matter.

with best wishes!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Herb Gray". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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*Alfred & Isabel*  
Dear Dr. and Mrs. Bader:

I am writing to thank you for your good wishes.

It is heart-warming and encouraging to know that your thoughts are with me at this time.

*with best wishes & regards!*

Yours sincerely,

*Herb Gray*

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