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Dear Mr. Mead:

Many thanks for your E Mail

How sad, that there is such turmoil in the town of **Westborough, Mass.** The people, rightly so, want **good teachers**, at a **fair wage**. The Teachers have a point also! The students (children), **RELY** on the Government, Elected/appointed Officials, Educational authorities, their parents and yes, even the teachers, to prepare them for a successful, productive and happy life **Lifetime!**

The teachers, (indeed MOST citizens), are seeing the value of last years wages, being outrageously eroded, **due to the high price of oil**. We know this effects living/ **EVERYTHING ELSE!** i.e.. **Food prices, electricity, rent, medical expenses, prescriptions, insurance(s), GASOLINE**, etc., etc IN FACT, just about every aspect of living!

The problem iseveryone is waiting for someone, like **Einstein, Edison, Gates, FDR, JFK**, etc., to solve the educational dilemma. If he world is fortunate, there will only be one outstanding world-class personage in every **(10)** years. Even then, his/her field of expertise, might **NOT** be, in the field of education , **NOR** energy, for that matter either. Unfortunately, **NO** one of that caliber (in either discipline), has yet to emerge, be discovered, from the Billions of people living today.

I quoted you in my book, because I thought it was worthy of being there, for your insight, that, that was the way to go. My background led me to that conclusion. I would be interested to know, **WHY** you came up with that conclusion ???

NOT to turn this E Mail into a book, my problem is, that my **TTEC** book, addresses, **TWO** problems; the lack of delivering a competent education to our children and the energy emergency, getting worse.... by the HOUR! During the **Carter** administration, oil jumped from **\$5.00 to \$40.00**, a barrel, an **800%** INCREASE! NOW, how about only an **800 %** increase, in the next **10 to 15** years, from **\$40.00 to \$ 320.00** a barrel ! ? !

Now is a good time to project a frightening scenario. At the rate **China and India, together, comprising (1/3 rd** of the **world's** population [circa **2008**]), are rapidly becoming first-rate, industrial/ technological powers, consider the following. There is a good chance that a non-democratic government will make an armed grab of oil wells/countries, in the next **10 to 15 years**.

The nations, in the middle east, which control a large share of oil reserves, are least able to defend themselves, from any major/modern power. We know, that the **United States** can **NOT** let this happen. **"THIS WILL NOT STAND!"** Said by **George H. Bush, when Iraq invaded Kuwait!** The U.S. initiated (**Desert Storm Jan 16, 1991 !**

Harbinger of unpleasant things to come ? The most non-benevolent, non-democratic populous nation on earth, in the world, using the most advanced educational system in the world? See pages **118 to 123**, in my book (**TTEC**). For **China**, to continue raising the standard of living, for their people (which ensures their leadership), which they are starting to enjoy, there would be **NO** borders, which would be sacrosanct. There would be **NO** Country in the world, which they would refrain from attacking/occupying, to continue their reign!

This **IS**, about one government, which possesses the largest population in the world.. It IS very rapidly turning their people from a Nation of "COOLIES". TO A Nation of EINSTEINS! This is about a country, that had a policy of aborting females, because, among other reasons, they would **NOT** make good soldiers. Oh yes, we can't grow enough food, to feed more people! Question never asked ...then why did you only kill females? Then, this is the same country which currently (**2008**), is trying to impose its will, on another culture, another people, (**Tibet**).

My pedigree, (see my Website cifaldi.org), will disclose that I was the **Energy Czar** for **Passaic County, New Jersey** as **Chairman of the Passaic county Energy Commission**. What it doesn't disclose, is that, I

was appointed, unanimously by the Chosen Board of Freeholders, by a **7 to 0** vote, (**4 Democrats** and **3 Republicans**).

Such a feat was unheard of, in Jersey politics. I would like to think that the politicians thought I know about energy, as I was appointed personal energy adviser, simultaneously to a **State Senator/Mayor**, a **State Assemblyman**, and the **Director of the County Freeholders**.

I resigned after **6** months, because all the people who appointed me, wanted me to appoint their friends, to the Energy Board. It was supposed to comprise (**7**) other people. Those people knew NOTHING, about any facet of energy. They were, in my opinion, "**political hacks**". I wanted my board to be composed of people, who had the background, (as I did), to **teach/preach/demand** that certain rules/regulation/initiatives, be initiated/followed!

I actually appointed only one, who was extremely knowledgeable! One, who had **NO** political persuasion. Of the main precepts I taught then, (and still DO), was that Government (**Federal, State, County and City**), "**SHOULD LEAD BY EXAMPLE**" {**TTEC- Pages 87-89**}.

As my book discloses, in my official capacity, during the Carter Administration, (when oil jumped from **\$5.00** to **\$40.00** a barrel), I did the following: I authored a (**14**) page, comprehensive assessment document, as to steps to be taken, (led by the Federal Government). It was to soften/mitigate the problems/hardships that such horrendous consequences, were about to be foisted on the American people, **basically the poor people!**

I actually received a letter, (**3 or 4** pages), signed by **President Carter** himself, which thanked me for my concern/suggestions. But, on the last page of his letter, in nice terms, the President, in effect wrote "**MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS!**"

I also went to **Washington**, in my official capacity, (paid my own way), with an elected State official, seeking Federal funds, to help initiate energy-saving procedures, such as outlined in my letter to President Carter. The outcome of that meeting, was **NOT** so nice. It was "**GET LOST!**" Believe it or **not** ... it was an **acrimonious** meeting, with an appointed political, **Washington HACK!**

Now in **2008**, according to Yogi Berra, "**Deja vu, all over again**". Except, this time, the middle-class citizens, have joined the poor, in being SAVAGED. "**YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN YET!**" The energy initiatives, **I suggested**, are as valid today, as they were in **1976!**

Back to the educational dilemma! This is **NOT** speculation! This is **NOT** about some newspaper journalist, (you), theorizing about a radical educational idea. This is **NOT** about some person, (**myself**), with a non-educational-background, writing a book, because he has nothing else to do.

This **is** about, one country, (The **Philippine Islands**), paying another country, (**China**), **\$500,000,000.00** for an untested/untried mass-educational system. This system, entitled the "**Cyber Education Project**" (**CEP**), is a rudimentary take-off of, my superior **©1978 "The Ideal Educational System/Two Teachers in Every Classroom"**

An analogy to the amount of money to be spent by the **Philippine Government**, (**500 Million Dollars**), is as, to the United States spending **500 BILLION dollars! That IS a fact!** { In similar discussions, a good friend of mine always used to say): "**DON'T CONFUSE THE ISSUE WITH FACTS!**" } Thanx to you, for **your valuable contribution**, to my book (**TTEC**).

Best regards,

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Ps If nothing else, please take time to read about **China**, in my Addendum **PP118-123**.

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To: Carmine Cifaldi,

Thank you for your two recent communications and a copy of your 'Ideal Educational System' book.

I haven't read the book yet but see the two references to my comments a few years ago about the logical way the best teachers in any subject could teach ALL the kids in public schools using technology. The concept of replacing the second rate teachers with the "best" being compensated the hundreds of thousands of dollars they deserve thru technology and productivity increases and uses of motivated "monitors" in each class room is a concept theory I just stated without any proof or experience such as you bring to the party.

For your information, below is a recent result of my efforts of just trying to control exploding union education costs here in the 18,000 community of Westborough you might find interesting.

Best regards,

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