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**It's Time
To Get Back Together**

African American Alumni

**of the
University of Washington
will get together**

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The Bottom Line

African Americans need to Buy Colman School Right now!

If you live long enough the person you are growing into will have to confront a multitude of things from your past. Who you are trying to become will clash head on with who you were unless you are fortunate enough to find yourself early enough that drastic change is not called for.

Who I must become is a far better leader than I have been. God ain't through with me yet and nor are most of you. I have been nurtured in the bosom of Black people and what you have created is a man that is tired of foolishness and foolish people.

A few weeks ago I actively and successfully lobbied the Board of the African American Museum and Cultural Center to appoint me interim chair for 90 days. I have set on the sidelines to long and now its time for me to step up to the plate along with all of you, buy the building and build a museum.

Everyone I have talked to give me the same message. I will be there to help you as long as all the foolishness from the past doesn't crop again. Or they say, as long as the backbiting and character assassinations are finally over and we can concentrate on the work at hand.

I agree and you have my word that I will keep this project on track.

For to long we have tried to build the Museum, with a small group of people meeting off to themselves. The community, who we claim we are representing, doesn't have a clue about what we are doing or why we are doing it. No more. I will use this newspaper and other community newspapers, to make sure that you are aware of every thing that's going on.

This project does not belong to me or anyone else; it belongs to the African American community. Any funds taken in or spent should be reported to you and the books should be available for anyone contributing to this project to look at. We are a 501c3 organization so any contributions are tax deductible.

That had to be said first before I ask you to take a leap of faith in this project and me. I believe that African Americans should purchase this building. That will send a clear message to the rest of the state about our intent to get this museum project done and give you a clear ownership interest.

There are developers who want to build a partnership to develop the building. I personally don't like the idea because if you make a deal with developers you may be required to give them a long-term lease for a portion of the building. Even if we meet and discuss this option I believe the community should first buy the building before our October 31,ST deadline. You should never negotiate with anyone under pressure or duress. We buy the building first and then we talk when the pressure is off.

I believe that this building is actually too small for our history and a cultural center. I believe that we can find the money to make this dream a reality. I finally believe that we have done a poor job of presenting this project to you, and demonstrated the faith that you will step up to the plate.

I will put everything I have on the line to make sure this comes together but I need you to send us a check for \$100, \$50 or \$25 depending on the size of your family and your financial situation. We have a good deal to purchase this for about the same price that you spend for a house with a view. Approximately \$350,000.00.

We need whatever you can send within the next two weeks and you can mail it to P.O. Box 22258 Seattle, WA. 98122.

The Board of Directors will be putting together a finance team that will handle your contributions and I assure you nothing will be misused. There is too much at stake.

I will be talking to many of you in the weeks to come. You may see me in a heated discussion with people who don't want me to succeed and whatever we need to do to get an understanding we need to get it done

You have told me what you want me to do and I will keep my eyes on the prize and do my best to stay away from the foolishness. But I need your help and your prayers so that we can prevent all of us from being embarrassed and loose whatever little faith we have in each other.

We need the ministers and business people to work closely with us, we need people of all ages to volunteer, we need to build up your confidence and what we are doing and get you fired up about this project again.

The buck stops with me for the next 90 days. If I cannot convince you to work with me it's not your failure, it's mine. Pray for me and work with me and let's get this job done. We need to Raise all or most of the \$350,000.00 and start off the next millennium with a bang.

Please accept my apology for all that has happened. This is Charlie James with the Bottom Line.

