

# **EXHIBIT I**

Let the people who live here decide in a democratic manner.

Sandra Lippens

Oak Bluffs

### A LIBRARY TO LOVE

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Susan L. Cahoon

Edgartown

The writer is chairman of the Edgartown Library Foundation.

By BILL SHIPSEY

FOR AS LONG AS I HAVE BEEN AN ACT of Amnesty International, and certainly in the mid-1980s, it has been taken as a matter of faith that founder Peter Benenson inspired to write his famous Forgetter article in May 1961, that in turn led to the formation of Amnesty, after reading a British article about two Portuguese students who were arrested and imprisoned for raising their toast to freedom.

The students were variously said to be from Lisbon or Coimbra, received sentences ranging from two to seven years, were either two male and one female, and were either arrested in a restaurant.

It was, and remains a powerful and appealing theme. Amnesty meetings at both the national and international level frequently end with the delegation part in a ceremonial "toast to freedom" in t. In general, no one appears to have questioned almost universal belief in this, our creative doubt of its factual or historical truth or a

However, an experience I had nearly 25 years ago and recent research I conducted for a short time ago, Benenson's epiphany moment has contributed to pursuing further details of this fascinating founding.

In 1988, as a young member of Amnesty International executive committee, I visited Lisbon with members of Portugal's newly-formed Amnesty section. By that time enquiries made with our Portuguese colleagues see help in tracing the identity of the two students whose dreadful experience had inspired Mr. Benenson to write his inspirational article.

In the company of Amnesty members and political prisoners, I visited the headquarters of the former PIDE (Dictator Antonio Salazar's secret police) in Lisbon. The police files of political prisoners and suspected leftists had been made available for inspection. It was a moment those present for the first time got to see their names and those relating to friends and colleagues broke down in tears. But no light was shed on the identity of the two students who, Mr. Benenson having been arrested for their toast to freedom.

The search for the two students resumed in 1991 at Amnesty's international council meeting was the first time in Lisbon. Research for a documentary film by the Dutch section of Amnesty suggested a former political prisoner by the name of Ivete Lourenço, daughter of a famous Portuguese Communist leader, António Dias Lourenço, might have been one of the two students. However, she denied that she had been one of those students as she was in prison in late 1960 at the time that Peter Benenson said he read the newspaper article. She also mentioned that her imprisonment was related to her active membership of the Portuguese Communist Party because of a so-called toast to freedom.

The trail again went cold. But the potency of the toast-to-freedom story remained strong and undiminished.

The first major piece of independent historical research into the founding of Amnesty was published by Oxford University historian Tom Buchanan in 2002. This resulted in a thorough and well-researched article entitled "The truth will set you free: making of Amnesty International," which appeared in the Journal of Contemporary History.

From Mr. Buchanan's research, based on materials in the Amnesty archives and other contemporary source materials including British newspaper archives, it seems clear that the origin of the

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### Thanks

To the Editor:

We thank the anonymous Chilmark runner who found our Volvo hubcap and turned it into the Chilmark police. They called us, and we have most happily claimed it.

Sydell and Arnold Rabin  
West Tisbury

### Terrific evenings for the library

To the Editor:

The West Tisbury Library has much to celebrate. News of the state grant was followed by a sold out evening with David McCullough, while many varied, smaller events continue to take place informing and entertaining the island community.

I particularly want to thank those who have participated in our Tuesdays at Twilight musical series at the Grange Hall in West Tisbury. Working with the Preservation Trust has been a pleasure. Willy Mason and The Flying Elbows launched the series with an enthusiastic program on July 26. Mister G provided a rousing family experience on August 9, and Tisberry Yogurt donated frozen yogurt and toppings afterwards.

There are two more evenings ahead. On August 23, Elizabeth Straton, Jemima James, Dan Waters, and Al Schackman will provide an evening of original acoustic entertainment. On August 30, the Daytrippers will entertain with their version of music from the Beatles, while Good Night Louise offers Vineyard-based country blues and Americana.

In these busy and distracting times, it continues to amaze me how many people lend their talents and resources so willingly. All of these artists agreed to perform for free in order to support our library. We look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead.

For now, much gratitude goes out to those I've mentioned for helping keep live music happening in our town while celebrating the much-loved West Tisbury Library.

Lynne Whiting  
West Tisbury Library Foundation Inc.

### And, for the Edgartown Library

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Susan L. Cahoon  
Chairman  
Edgartown Library Foundation

### Try Nantucket

To the Editor:

With his approval rating just hitting 39 percent, the lowest for any first-term president, maybe President Obama will consider going to Nantucket next year, seeing it will be his last year in office, and stay at John Kerry's home there.

Not all of us on the Vineyard have sipped that Kool Aid, and as I always say, keep the change.

Woodrow W. Williams  
Vineyard Haven

### For your health

To the Editor:

Be aware of the soda pandemic. One can a day equals 12 oz. or 340 grams of sugar. So one can a day equals 15 or so pounds of body fat per year.

Diet soda causes obesity. Soda increases the risk of osteoporosis. Soda causes kidney stones. Soda is addictive. The annual cost is huge. Soda causes tooth decay.

It is ill-advised to give soda to children. Developing bones, teeth, hormones, organs, disposition, and who knows what else yet can be affected.

The sources for this information are readily available on WebMD and other medical study references.

Please care about your health.

Joanne Scott  
West Tisbury