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Dear Ms Susan:

Since I was unable to get the line when you aired the program I will try to write. My question is, Do you know any Blacks who chose to go back to Africa when they were offered the opportunity and know how their life has turned out compared with the Blacks in America, what educational programs and other assistance they were given? The hatred so many show in their calls both amazes and frightens me!

I am a descendant of maternal parents who were Irish and English and my father was Cherokee Indian and I have never been able to find out what else, but he was not all Indian. He died when I was very small and left my mother with four children; she hadn't been given opportunities of a good education so had to work at low paying jobs, long hours and not much time off; so we children stayed with her brothers and sisters. We weren't given the education that I long for now. I married young, was married 65 years before my beloved husband went to be with the Lord last October. He was of German descent. We were poor; the opportunities weren't available for our children that are given young people now; but they have succeeded in supporting themselves and not being on the government's payroll! One boy is CPA, one owned a funeral home and our daughter sold real estate.

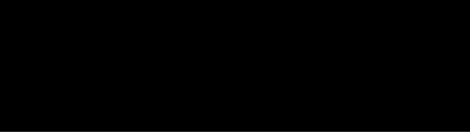
So we say hard times - we missed a few meals ourselves, but we did manage to have for the children the necessities. But I feel much different than the Blacks that seem to show so much hatred - I am grateful for Our founding fathers, what they suffered and gave up to bring this nation forth in all the glory we now enjoy. I am enjoying the Presidential series very much, refreshing my memory, which isn't very good anymore. But I am very grateful for all we have now. When you showed Harriet Tubman's home, I was made aware that she had a better house than my parents were able to provide for me and than we had for the first years of our marriage during the depression.

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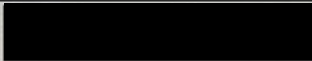
I'm sorry this got so long; but I did want you to know I was not asking my question from a life of leisure and lack of knowledge of what hard times means. It seems to me to see and hear of the struggles of our nation's founders, would make them understand how very fortunate they are. From what I hear on the news, the people in Africa aren't as privileged as are we!

I don't expect you to answer this letter, but if you would ask the question and air the answer, I'll be most grateful. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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PS: Up front, I want to say I do not justify any wrong done in any society; but I do think misapplication of Biblical knowledge has given rise to much error. The Bible does NOT forbid slavery; but it does give very rigid rules on how masters are to treat slaves and on how slaves are to treat or react to their masters. The Biblical rule "do unto others as you would have them do unto you," comes close to forbidding it. And as our founding fathers believed in and used the Bible as their guide to governing, I can see why good, honest, men had such a struggle. Your airing on Millard Fillmore was outstanding and helpful!