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# Animal Rights International

September 18, 1995

To: John M. Palmer  
John S. Crowley  
Patty Duke

Dear Mr Palmer

## HELEN KELLER'S GOOD NAME

Helen Keller is surely one of the most remarkable people this country ever produced. She exemplifies bravery, sensitivity, indomitable will,-- a triumph of the spirit.

You can therefore understand how taken aback we were to see a copy of your invitation to a day of killing on October 27th in Dutchess County in return for donations to Helen Keller International. Would not Helen Keller have paid almost any price for a mere glimpse of the natural wonders you so casually propose blowing away in her name, for the sake of fund raising. Is this not a mockery of Helen Keller's love of life, --a travesty that the public and your financial supporters would condemn?

We think HKI's programs, here and abroad, are admirable. But, killing for pleasure, is no way to combat the terrible tragedy of blindness. Are there not more creative ways to save the sight and lives of the "most vulnerable" other than sponsoring the pleasure-killing of the absolutely defenseless?

We think that much can be accomplished by meeting with you. We have an established track record for preferring constructive dialogue over public confrontation. Unfortunately, in this instance, the time frame for your scheduled fund-raiser necessitates that we speak immediately if we are to achieve a mutually satisfying resolution. I'll call as soon as you've received this letter

Sincerely

Henry Spira  
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Encl: to further identify our concerns and our activities.

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