Dear HRAAA Member,

With this letter to all 1900 of you, we kick off our 1989-90 campaign! Enclosed you will find three items: a letter, a ballot, and a return envelope. Let me say a word to you about each.

The Ballot lists the fifteen HRAAA supporters who have volunteered to stand for the Executive Committee of HRAAA for this academic year, and invites you to vote for up to ten [10] candidates. I urge you to read the brief biographical sketches carefully and make your selections. The Executive Committee does the lion’s share of the work of HRAAA, so choose wisely.

The Letter from Chester Hartman, Chair of the Executive Committee sub-committee on slate selection, presents to you this year’s HRAAA nominees for the Board of Overseers, and tells you something about the candidates and how they were chosen. Very soon, you will all receive sets of petitions to be circulated and returned. Our great victory last year in electing Archbishop Tutu to the Board of Overseers encourages me to believe that with your help and support, we can place a number of these fine candidates [even all five] on the Board this year.

Finally, The Envelope: the manifest function of the envelope [as they say in the sociology game] is to enable you to return your ballot. But the latent function, as you will surely have guessed, is to raise money.

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We need money! This year, we plan to send a campaign mailing to fifty thousand Harvard-Radcliffe alumni/ae. We must raise at least forty thousand dollars. Some of you have already renewed your memberships. Many of you are not due for renewal until later in the academic year. Won’t you please use your ballot envelope to renew now? [I have not included a membership brochure in this mailing, because it would have pushed the letter over the one ounce limit and upped the cost of postage by $400!] Thank you - I look forward to receiving your ballots and checks.

Robert Paul Wolff
Executive Director