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Dear Brian,

I'm complimented you wanted the story we worked on autographed. I've enclosed it.

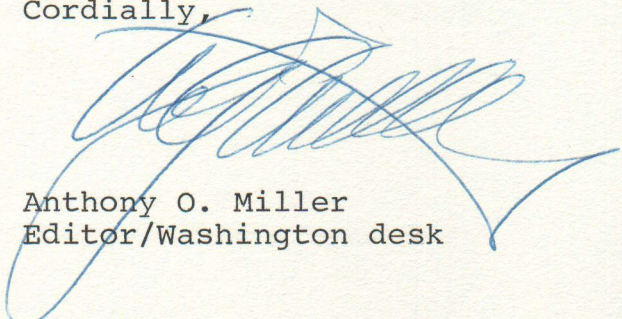
Thank you, again, for all your help in getting this story. Without your shepherding me around the campus as my ears and speech, there'd be some big blank spaces where, instead, there's story.

It was fun, a unique story on a unique campus with some very, very special people -- latter-day victims of continuing colonialism, or so it seemed from "talking" with them, as I was able, through your skills and those of others during my two days on the story.

I very much have admired for a long time those of us who take the time and trouble to learn the language of the deaf, proficiently and thoroughly. Despite my brief stint teaching deaf high schoolers math in real rudimentary finger spelling, I don't know their world and likely never will as well as you. It's something I've thought of doing, but then life has a way of getting in the way of such things.

Best of luck in your work. Again, thanks.

Cordially,



Anthony O. Miller
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