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245 Driggs ave.
Brooklyn N.Y.

Jan. 7, 1966

Gracie Mansion
New York N.Y.

Fred

Dear Mayor Lindsay.

I am very happy that
you are our Mayor. I
was very sad that
on your first day
in office this terrible
thing had to happen.
but how could one
man do this to the
city of New York by
stopping the trains
and buses? Mr. Ruill
harnessed many people
by not letting them
go to work. May God
bless you and I am
with you all the

way.

A student from
the 7th grade.
Matty Podbielski.

Fred

Student

1685 Morris Ave.
Bronx 57, New York.
January 3, 1966

Dear Mr. Lindsay,

Because of the transit strike,
I could not go to school today.
I took a survey of what the
people around my neighborhood
thought about the transit strike.
These were some of the responses:

1. Terrible
2. Miserable
3. Crazy
4. It stinks.
5. No good. They are asking for too
much money. Not fair. We
should have a law against
it.
6. I don't like it.
7. I don't think they should lose
dignity.
8. We shouldn't show other countries
our troubles. If we can't take
care of ourselves, then we are
not ready to take care of
other places. (Viet. Nam)
9. The city is to blame. If the
city would have taken it up

earlier, there would be no strike.

10: The whole thing seems un-legal.

11: Quill should think more of
the public good, instead of
his private good.

Everybody, in addition to that, said that
you, Mr. Lindsay are a good mayor
and would be able to handle this
situation. Everybody also said that
Mr. Quill is a disgrace.

Best of luck in your adventure

Thank you,
Rhonda Greenstein
(Age 11)

4-4's CITY Student



NEWS REPORT

Class 4-4 interviewed grown-ups about the strike of Transit workers in New York City.

① How is the strike affecting you?

My father is delayed in traffic for 5 hours. (Robert)

"I have to drive my car to work which takes me longer." (Rosemary)

"We get home very late from work." (Douglas)

② What do you think of Mr. Quill?

"I think Michael Quill should come to an agreement now." (Jerry)

"I don't really have an opinion on that because he is acting in the interest of the people he represents." (Jacqueline)

"He goes about things the wrong way." (Michael)

"The strike was unnecessary. They could have worked while the leaders were negotiating." (Larry)

③ What do you think of a 20 or 25 cent fare?

"The raise would be a terrible hardship on people who earn small salaries." (Gadi)

"It's a good idea to raise more money." (Ricardo)

"Mayor Lindsay does not want to raise the fare." (Salvatore)

"If the price goes up the subway and busses are going to have fewer riders." (Anthony)

④ What do you think of New York City?

"The taxes are too high. It has become very expensive to live in New York City." (Allan)

⑤ How would you settle the strike?

"I would offer a small part of the workers demands. In the meantime I would have the busses run by trained national guardsmen." (Salvatore)

"All men must go back to work, and then both sides should sit down and try to get together." (John)

167-20 45 Ave.
Flushing 58 New York
Wednesday January 13, 1966

Honorable Mayor Lindsay,

I want to know when the strike
is over so the people can go to
school and work, because transportation
is important for many people.
My friend had to stay in City Hall.

Respectfully,
Richard Palafox
7 yearsold

Student

144-78 Roosevelt Ave
Flushing New York
Wed. January 12, 1966

Honorable Mayor Lindsay

Please settle the transit strike.
It has been so long since the transit
strike has begun. I would like to
know when it will be over because
most of the children cannot go
to religious instruction. I hope
the transit strike will stop very soon.

Respectfully
Kathleen Susan Brass
age 7

Student

444032 Ave. Prison Blvd.
Box 54 New York
Wed. January 12, 1960

Honorable Mayor Lindsay.

Mayor Lindsay, can you please try to settle the strike because we need more transportation. I think we need a lot more progress than we had a day ago. I should see main Street. One day when we were coming home from the country my mother went to buy a newspaper. The man said I wish I didn't because nobody is buying. Let the Transit Authority stop the transit strike.

Sincerely yours,
Sam Lawrence Pflus
My age is 7...

Diana Harry
Towne Rd.
Borford Mass
Jan. 6, 1966

Dear Mayor Lindsay,

Hi! Sorry you're in such a
state especially when you
just got in office. That's awful.
But meanwhile I'll tell you
what our class is doing in
Social Studies.

Well it all ~~beg~~ began
Monday morning when we were
talking about our Weekly
Reader. I had an article on N.Y.
Then Mrs. Morin our Social Studies
teacher said to find an article on
a strike and a picture on New
York for Thursday. Then write
a short paragraph on what the
article is about. My picture is of
you having a meeting with the
Police, traffic and fire commissioners
at the City Hall.

The New York section of our
Weekly Reader had some of the

problems in New York like
pollution, housing, money, and
traffic. which is especially bad
now. But I think you can
fix those ~~po~~ problems. I
believe that you are doing
things the way I would do
them if I were. you and I
believe that Mr. Guil should
not break the law to do his
job, and most of all I think
you will make New York
~~again~~ great again.

Yours truly,
Diana Harry
of the fifth
grade
in the
Spofford Pond
School

January 13 1966

JAN 13 1966

Dear Mayor Lindsay

My name is Gwendolyn Perry
and I am nine years old. I am
writing you this letter
to let you know how proud
I am of you for the way you
stood by the people in New
York doing the strike. I know
you are very tired. I hope
nothing else will ever happen
to you like this again. May
God bless you and family.

Yours truly
Gwendolyn Perry

Book

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York Jan 23 1961

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Dear Mayor Lindsey

You are handling the subway
and Bus strike very nice. I'm glad you were
elected for Mayor. My mother thinks you
a good. I would send you a Book of New York on
how you get into office or a look of the mayor.

your

friend

James

Gordon

51 Elizer Lane
Levittown, New York
February 3, 1966

Mayor John Lindsay
Gracie Mansion
New York, New York

Dear Mayor Lindsay,

Pertaining to the recent transit strike, I would like to know what precautions you have taken in case of another transit strike.

During the strike my father had to leave for work much earlier than usual.

In case of another transit strike, I suggest that you try to force negotiations while the strikers still work their jobs.

I would like to say that you did a great job in

settling the strike and I
hope that you will continue
your efforts to solve some
of New York City's problems

Sincerely yours,
David Phillips

~~Student~~

53 Columbus Avenue
New York 23, New York
January 5, 1966

Dear Mr. Lindsay,
Congratulations with
your fine work with the strike.
My mother voted for you
when you were running for may-
or.

I am a sixth grade student
at Saint Paul the Apostle School,
(124 West 60th Street).

I am glad that you are may-
or. Keep up the good work!!

Yours truly,
Anita Garcia

~~Student~~

Jan 13, 1966

Dear Mayor Lindsay,
I am happy

the transit strike is over. I was worried,
while I live in Connecticut and was not
involved, I felt very sorry for you and
all New Yorkers. I think you did a
great job in bringing the strike to an
end. I wish you good luck.

Sincerely,

Maryclare Plunkett
Wepawaug, Road
Woodbridge Conn.
Age 11

12 Steward Gardens
Newburgh Ny
January 26 1966

Dear Mayor Lindsey

I think you
are a very good mayor
My name is Ernest Park, I am
a fifth grade, I liked how
you handled the transit
strike and I watched you
on T.V.. Some day you
might become a president
I hope we do not have
any more strikes in the
future

Sincerely yours
Ernest Park