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Prof. Jonathan D. Farley  
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Dear Dr. Farley:

Thank you for your letter. It is a pleasure to hear from you.

As a matter of fact, Green Party presidential nominee Ralph Nader did appear at the 2000 NAACP convention, with Democratic nominee Al Gore and Republican nominee George W. Bush.

We will probably invite the 2004 nominees to appear at our convention in Philadelphia this July, as well as extending an invitation to President Bush; it is our annual practice to invite the incumbent President, regardless of party.

I note your comment that you "received no support from the NAACP" when you received unwarranted criticism for your remarks about the Confederacy. I am curious about whether you solicited support and what kind of support you expected.

I received and expected no such support when I faced a barrage of condemnation for making similar statements (see enclosed article) and frankly expected none. We have opposed celebrations of the defense of slavery for decades, and consider it our responsibility.

Thank you again for your inquiry.

Best wishes,

Julian Bond

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New York Times article

Enc: attached