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"Google May Hold a Key"

As you probably know, we advocate Black American nation formation. At the moment, for a variety of reasons, nation formation seems a distant prospect—at least in the traditional sense of nation formation.

At the same time, we also advocate government through cyberspace; i.e., conducting governmental decision-making via computer. In a world of government through cyberspace, citizens are informed of issues, concerns, and decision requirements via a computer and citizens, in turn, analyze issues and concerns and vote on decisions using their electronic devices.

Government through cyberspace facilitates development of a non-spatial society. Non-spatial because it does not matter what physical space you occupy. No matter where you are, you can use your centrally issued User ID and Password to login and participate in the governance process.

What we know is that social networks via computers were the number-one organizational framework that facilitated the social actions that have taken place recently in Tunisia, Egypt, Libya, Syria, and Bahrain. In these cases, computers have been used to foster more democratic outcomes.

Why don't Black Americans learn from these powerful developments and begin to use computers to aid more favorable developments for ourselves?

Wouldn't it be powerful if a Black American organization assembled the resources to open an Internet website that guarantees security of User IDs and Passwords, and had sufficient servers to push and receive critical e-mail transmissions to Black Americans all over the nation—and even to those that might be temporarily located elsewhere in the world?

Blacks could use this resource to report critical issues in their locales. If sufficient support was heard on these issues from others in the network, the manager of this network could alert all Black Americans concerning these issues. If decisions needed to be made concerning issues, it would be possible to arrive at decisions by voting or some other means.

If the organization developed enough trust, it could facilitate the collection of financial resources from Black Americans to solve Black American problems. For example, how

many Black Americans know about the need to contribute to the development of the evolving National Museum of African American History and Culture that is scheduled to open on the Mall in Washington, DC in 2015? As opposed to a few Black Americans donating large sums, all Black Americans could contribute small amounts and get the job done. A cyber network of the type that we have described would make such actions possible.

A cyberspace network for Black Americans is a real possibility. It would allow this 40 plus million "nation within a nation" the power be connected in ways never possible before. We could actually all be on one page at the same time and support each other for optimal impact on issues and concerns that affect us all.

It can't be that expensive to develop a cyber network for 40 million Black Americans. After over one-hundred years as organizations why aren't the NAACP and the Urban League in a position to accomplish this outcome? If not them, then who?

If Oprah is wealthy enough to initiate a new cable television network, then why can't she or someone like her front the resources required to develop this Black American cyber network? In my view, this is a very fundamental way to provide broad assistance and support to Black Americans.

If no one wants to take the time to build the network from the ground up, then my suggestion is to "go to them that sell and buy for yourself." One who has the architectural design and information in databases for such a network is Google.

Want to improve conditions for Black Americans? Use an information network. Information is power! A key to Black American power today is not standing in the street with a clinched fist as in the 1960s. It may be as simple as joining us all together in a cyberspace network so that we can be united in our political, economic, and social actions. Let's build such a network. We can buy it from Google if we must.

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