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Title: 1970-10-16 Mike McCormick letter to parents Provenance:	Category: Document Person: Date:
Oct. 16, 1970	free to put a circle over one's i whenever he feels like it.
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Mom, Dad,	I found myself making a circle over an i (I remember at least one time) and I also remember making an effort not to do it again. [Ends without signature, is a page missing?]
The mail moves pretty fast, doesn't it? Or do you think so? I got the signed (in the right placeaccording to the Treasurer's secretary) form Prom. Note back today.	
"Do you (Dad) Ha Ha, have a hidden problem (trait may be another word here) of some sort," said Michael in a jokingly sarcastic way. Not that its any importance at all. But I notice at least one of your "i's" to have a circle (ex. i) over top instead of a dot. I don't know what it really means, and I don't think there is any matter in it (no reason to think about it, in other words). I was just thinking.	
Since there is, maybe, some	
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dislike or shunning by others of the usage of this form of "dotting" and "i", then there will be, natu-	

Well, I think it is great to be able to stand up in the midst of all this criticism (of circles of i's) and feel

rally, a conscious (or maybe not so conscious) effort to not make a circle over the i; no matter what

Who knows then, what this signifies? It may signify some sort of greatness. Then by suppressing the expression of this characteristic the trait itself may be suppressed. Writing (both the ideas expressed and the handwriting used) is thought of as a clue

the reason is for doing so.

to identity, usually.