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Subject: My Dear Friend & Mentor, The Honorable Percy Sutton

"This weekend a dear friend and mentor the Honorable, Percy Sutton died. As a teenager, we first met on Saturday afternoon, while I was playing hooky from church service to see Malcolm X who was speaking on 125th Street & 7th Avenue in Harlem. Born in San Antonio, Texas as the youngest of fifteen children (all of whom became college graduates) and the son of a slave, he became a member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, before moving to New York City in the early 1950s, where he founded a successful law office in Harlem.

Always the consummate politician, Sutton served in the New York State Assembly before taking over as Manhattan borough president in 1966 to 1977, becoming the highest-ranking black elected official in the state. Sutton was a longtime leader in Harlem politics, and the leader of the Harlem Clubhouse along with David Dinkins (who became New York City's first African American Mayor), Charles Rangel (US House of Representatives lion) and Basil Paterson (the former Secretary State of New York whose son is the current Governor), that has dominated Democratic politics in New York for more than five decades.

In 1971 he founded the Inner-City Broadcasting Corporation. This grew to eighteen urban-formatted radio stations, cable television systems and cellular assets, making Percy Sutton and his initial investors extremely wealthy.

Percy Sutton was a pioneering civil rights attorney, political power broker and media mogul. He was fiercely loyal, compassionate and a truly kind soul. In addition to being one of this nation's most influential African-American leaders he was my friend, mentor and inspiration. He will be missed but his legacy lives on through the next generations of Americans he inspired to pursue and fulfill their own dreams and ambitions....."

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