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A photograph of two Black men sitting on a dark leather sofa in a cozy living room. The man on the left is wearing a vibrant, multi-colored striped sweater and is holding a glass. The man on the right is wearing a light-colored sweater, dark pants, and a fedora hat, and is looking towards the left. In the background, there is a large wooden bookshelf filled with books, a ladder leaning against the wall, and a window with blinds. A coffee cup sits on a table in the foreground.

Question Your Answers

The **Masthead**

FROM THE ATLANTIC

Dear Reader,

Last week, we told you about a major project we are, today, launching to the public: The Atlantic's first-ever membership program.

This morning, as the project—called **The Masthead**—goes live, I wanted to write you to explain why I think this is so important, and why I hope that you become a founding member of this endeavor.

I have several main goals as The Atlantic's editor in chief. The first, and of course most urgent, is to argue for the importance of fact-driven journalism at a time when the president of the United States has declared the press to be the enemy of the American people. My next three goals are related to the first: to make sure we publish journalism that honors our history; to guarantee, by extension, that we provide you, our readers, with journalism that helps you become more informed; and finally, to ensure that The Atlantic, which celebrates its 160th birthday this November, will reach its bicentennial year as a thriving, self-sustaining business with global reach and clear purpose.

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The email we sent you a few minutes ago didn't look as good as it should have—sorry about that! We've corrected the error and sent it again.

Walking in the National Mall here in Washington the other day, I wandered into the Korean War Veterans Memorial, which celebrates the U.N. and the countries that fought together in the conflict. I was struck by the ways that the nearly 70-year-old war seems to be coming full circle in the current round of tensions with North Korea. I don't know if that history was on President Donald Trump's mind as he spoke at the U.N. about North Korea yesterday, but I know it's on some of yours, particularly Masthead member Hank, who wrote to request help understanding "the long and recent history of Korea." Today, I'll relate my conversations with historians about what we've forgotten in the decades since the war.

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