Introduction: Criticism that stimulates discussion succeeds. Thanks to Stromer.

Thesis: Stromer’s response to our essay is shaped more by his traditional view of rhetoric and government than by a careful analysis of the social dimensions of rhetoric surrounding the Butz resignation.

I. Stromer’s view on rhetoric contrasts with our social orientation to discourse
   A. Assumptions of our view
      1. Our view of rhetoric is functional
      2. Our view of rhetoric is social
      3. Our view of rhetoric is sociodramatic
   
   B. Stromer’s individualist view leads him to ask the wrong question
      1. He asks the question: What would Klumpp and Hollihan have the government do?
      2. Our question is: How does American society respond to its racism?

II. We also find some direct responses to Stromer’s positions helpful in explaining our position
   A. He argues we failed to provide evidence
      1. He may have been expecting a different kind of proof: referential proof
      2. Our evidence is generated sociodramatically
   
   B. He asserts we misinterpret Raspberry, missing our irony
   
   C. He is correct in his “charge” that we believe improved race relations lies somewhere beyond government
      1. We believe race relations must be seen rhetorically from a social rather than an individual act
      2. Strategies addressing this problem must locate responsibility in society