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MAR 21 1963

The Honorable Devoan Addis
100 South Ann Street
Walhalla, South Carolina

Dear Representative Addis:

It was kind of you to take the trouble to call on me the other day. We appreciate very much your efforts in Oconee County in connection with the entrance of Harvey Gantt to Clemson. The nation as a whole is very proud of the way in which the citizens of South Carolina conducted themselves in that matter.

I am happy to enclose pictures both for you and for your daughter, Zenda.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Attorney General

[REEL 5]

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From

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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For the attention of Burke Marshall 11/8/63

REMARKS:

Write Riddel and ask him if he
things Graham would be interested.

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Dear Judge Riddle:

The Attorney General asked me to look into the possibility suggested by you of making some use of Dr. Graham in dealing with the race problem. I was thought that occurred to me was that he would of great value as a member of the North Carolina Advisory Committee to the Civil Rights Commission. I wondered if you thought he would be interested in that.

Sincerely,

T. 7/22/63
EM:stj

Honorable A. S. Mike Monroney
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senators:

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JUL 23 1963

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United States Senate
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Dear Senator:

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Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senators:

This is in response to your inquiry of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning the charges made at the hearings on S. 1712 that the racial problems in this country, particularly in the South, were created or are being exploited by the Communist Party.

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MAR 11 1963

Honorable Thomas G. Abernethy
Member of Congress
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Congressman Abernethy:

This is in response to your letters to the President and to me enclosing copies of resolutions adopted by the Congress Senate at the University of Mississippi requesting the removal of military forces from the Oxford area.

We are perfectly ready and willing to remove all military forces from that area. I have so informed the state officials. I am enclosing for your information a copy of a letter I sent recently to Governor Barnett on this subject.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Attorney General

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

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The Honorable Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D.C.

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Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

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Co-Chairmen

HARRISON TWEED
1 Chase Manhattan Plaza
New York 5, N.Y.

BERNARD G. SEGAL
Packard Building
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

October 29, 1963

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

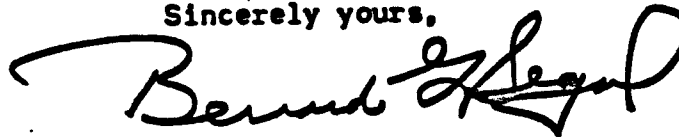
Gentlemen:

Inasmuch as we have been invited to have lunch with Attorney General Kennedy on November 14th, Harrison Tweed and I believe that it would save time to have our meeting in one of the conference rooms in the Department of Justice. We are grateful to Lloyd Cutler for making the conference room in his law office available to us, but the time consumed in going back and forth during lunch-hour traffic would be much better spent in meeting. K

Accordingly, I have arranged for the use of the conference room in the Antitrust Division of the Department, which is entered through Room 3208 on the third floor. The best access to this conference room is from the entrance to the Department of Justice at Tenth Street and Constitution Avenue. We shall convene there at 10:00 A.M. |

We have received word from most of the Directors as to whether they plan to attend. We should greatly appreciate it if those of you who have not as yet responded would let us know as soon as possible whether you plan to attend so that we may advise the Attorney General as to the number who will be coming.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard G. Segal

SEP 10 1963

Walter P. Armstrong, Jr., Executive
Armstrong Executive Action Bureau & Coaches
Commerce Trade Building
Naples 3, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

I am pleased to receive your letter of August 23, 1963, advising of your willingness to serve on the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Unity Act, of which Edward E. Rouse and Bernard G. Segal are Co-Chairmen.

As you no doubt have observed, the subject of that committee consists of lawyers of many varying degrees of opinion on this very critical subject of civil rights. It is gratifying to note, however, that lawyers are still willing to work together to bring to bear on this problem their traditional role of leadership in matters affecting the public interest.

Sincerely,

/s/

Attorney General

AUG 5 1953

Louis F. Powell, Jr., Esq.
Huntton, Williams, Gay, Powell & Gibson
Electric Building
Richmond 12, Virginia

Dear Mr. Powell:

Thank you for your letter of July 23, with its report on the situation in Richmond.

We are glad to learn of the advances being made in race relations in your community. The maintenance of communications between White and Negro leaders, which you mention, is particularly important to the satisfactory solution of this problem.

We should like to take this opportunity to congratulate you upon your selection as President-Elect of the American Bar Association. We are happy to hear that you will be able to maintain close touch with Messrs. Tweed and Segal in your new position.

Many thanks for your valuable attention to this matter of vital national concern.

Sincerely,

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Attorney General

The Executive Committee of the Rhode Island Bar Association at a recent meeting unanimously agreed to offer its services to the local or state groups concerned with the problem of civil rights. There is already a bi-racial committee appointed by Mayor Reynolds, and we understand that Governor Chafee is contemplating the appointment of a like committee at the state level. We have already notified Dennis J. Roberts, Chairman of the Mayor's bi-racial committee that we shall be happy to assist his committee; we are ready to assist any organization in its efforts to protect the civil rights of all the people of our State.

In our own Bar Association there is no racial discrimination; the Legal Aid Society makes legal aid available to all who need it on a non-discriminatory basis, and the directors and staff of this society is largely composed of lawyers.

The President of the Rhode Island Bar Association attended the recent meeting of lawyers in Washington at the invitation of President Kennedy; this meeting was called to discuss civil rights; and since that meeting has communicated with the United States Attorney General, and the Chairman of the national group of lawyers, appointed by President Kennedy

to formulate plans for nationwide support by lawyers of the civil rights program making our position known; to the end that all persons in our state shall be afforded equal opportunity in all matters concerned with civil rights.

President Kennedy in his message to Congress points out that Rhode Island is one of thirty states that has enacted laws of varying effectiveness against discrimination in public places. Rhode Island's laws go back many years. We also have the fair employment practices act which dates from 1949; and there is a commission which has the duty of enforcing the act.

The Bar Association, therefore, hopes to do its part in protecting the civil rights of all our citizens regardless of race, color, religion or country of origin.

AUG 5 1963

Francis J. O'Brien, Esq.
President
Rhode Island Bar Association
Room 409, 17 Exchange Street
Providence 3, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 29,
and the enclosed copy of the Rhode Island Bar Association's
release to the Providence Journal and the Pawtucket Times.

We are happy to hear of the vigorous approach
which you and the other members of the Rhode Island Bar
are making to the civil rights and race relations problem.
Your rapid and forthright assumption of responsibility in
this field is indeed heartening. Keep up the good work.

Many thanks for all that you have done.

Sincerely,



Attorney General

AUG 5 1963

Desmond J. McFigue, Esq.
President
Pennsylvania Bar Association
11 East Airy Street
Norristown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. McFigue:

Thank you very much for your letter of July 19,
and the enclosed copy of the resolution adopted by the
Pennsylvania Bar Association.

We are glad to learn that the Pennsylvania Bar
Association has authorized a committee to deal with the
civil rights problem, and that you have already appointed
the members of the committee. Writing to the presidents
of the County Bar Association, as you note that you are
doing, appears to be an excellent way of providing impetus
to action at the local level. Your vigorous approach and
immediate assumption of responsibility in this matter of
grave national concern are heartening indeed.

We are grateful to you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Attorney General

AUG 5 1963

Louis Hoffman, Esq.
Dudley, Hoffman, Price & Grant
P. O. Box 717
St. Thomas
Virgin Islands

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Thank you for your letter of July 19, and the enclosed copy of the Civil Rights Act of the Virgin Islands. Your report on the status of race relations in your area is very encouraging. We are happy to have it.

We are glad to hear that you will be able to work with the committee which Edward Segal and Harrison Tread have formed. We are convinced that this group will make very significant and valuable contributions to the solution of the grave racial relations problem which confronts us all.

Many thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,


Attorney General

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Mr. Fred D. Gray
34 North Ferry Street
Montgomery 4, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your letter of July 22, with its report on the situation in Montgomery.

We are glad to learn of your willingness to work for the establishment of a bi-racial committee in your community. We agree with you that the formation of such a committee would be a valuable first step toward the solution of the difficult racial problems which exist there.

We are getting in touch with Messrs. Harrison Tweed and Bernard Segal of the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights under law to let them know about the existence of racial barriers in Alabama bar associations and about your availability for work on a local committee of lawyers. You should be hearing from them shortly.

We are very grateful to you for your useful assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,


Attorney General