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Hon. Ivan Allan, Jr., Mayor
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Dear Mr. Allan:

This happens to be a busy week for me, because I am trying to get away on vacation, but I did want to take the time to write you this short note to extend to you my hearty congratulations on the magnificent statement on the subject of integration that you made to the Congressional Committee.

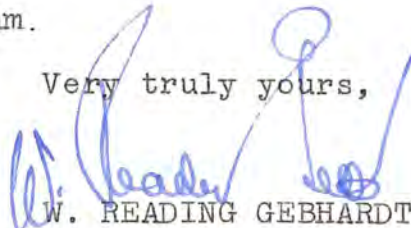
I happen to be a member of the National Board of the Y.M.C.A. and I have been keenly interested in the whole problem of integration for many years, so I was simply delighted with all that you had to say.

I realize fully that, to use a down to earth expression, you were sticking your neck out plenty in the Deep South by making this bold and forthright statement, so I think you are entitled to an enormous amount of credit!

There must be many thousands of moderate white people in the South that believe, as you do, but have not had the courage to speak out as you have. I believe that your statement will set forward the cause of integration many miles that otherwise it would have been painful to achieve. More power to you!

With warm regards, I am.

Very truly yours,



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