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A²/_e J. R. HARRIS
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Most Honorable Sir,

I'm writing you with
the highest hope of you
understanding this letter.

While I sit here in my
tent writing this letter, I
"know" that I'm not only
reflecting "my" feelings, but
the feelings of hundreds of
guys serving over here, that
are from Atlanta.

These hundreds of guys
from Atlanta that are serving
here, not only for the "U.S.",
but for Atlanta, too.

There are very ² few, if any
that sympathize with the actions
of Atlanta citizens.

At times when we aren't in
the field, we sit around and
have very strong arguments
about whose particular home-
town is the best, as it stands
Atlanta, is slowly losing its
very well situated image.

I am a "Negro", and very
proud to be away from such
a wonderful city as Atlanta.
Over here both Negroes and
"whites" have grown to love each
other, because "we" need each
other, everyday.

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I'm married to a wonderful girl, whom I love dearly. My mother is a retired teacher, my father is a business man. And we all live in the area of Georgia Baptist Hospital. On East Ave.

Over here "we" fight for a "cause". What are they fighting for back home?

I'm a combat photographer in the Air Force, and I've seen many "young" fellows get wounded, a many more killed. They die for a reason. What's the reason back home? Is it pure ignorance.

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When I left my wife, and family in July to come over here. I said "Pray for me," but it seems we (G.I.'s) are praying for them.

The news media is great. We read about the incident involving Patrolman Strickland and Mrs. Aason, and we also read about the outcome which was a good thing.

As for Mr. Stokely Carmichael we know about him to, ^{but} ~~but~~ what we feel about him, can't be written because of "postal laws" but put a stop to him and your troubles are over for ever.

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Ask the people to give us some-
thing too come home to. Not a riot-
turn city.

I got an article from the home-
town paper (Constitution I think),
showing you in the middle of
a crowd. Six it took great guts
to do that.

As a leader I can and will
class you with greats like Gen.
Westmoreland, Capt. Carpenter,
and my great commander Lt.
Eric Anderson. I'm a member
of the 600 Photo Sq., headquarters
Tan San Nhut, AB, Viet-Nam.
And we all think you're doing
a swell job, Six.

so I can ask is that you
keep up the good work, put
faith in God. And this tragic
situation will cease.

I must go now my candle
is burning low, and I know you
have much more to do than
read my letters. So goodnight
Sir, and we're with you 100%.

Most Honorably Yours
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P.S.

As long as you're going to
be in office, you can always
count one vote, and that's mine,
Sir.

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Please excuse such an informal
letter, but it's the best I could
do, Sir.