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Dear Ivan:

I read with much interest your recent statement before the Committee for Civil Rights. Although I have mixed feelings on the Public Accommodations section, I deeply admire and appreciate your willingness to express your own beliefs. Taking the long view I feel that you are right and I am sure that men with vision and courage like yourself are desperately needed in America today.

Since you first offered for election I have had a strong belief in your basic integrity and honesty, a feeling, too, that when the chips were down you would always do what was right and best. I was proud to be represented by you in Washington, and I am proud and grateful for what you are doing at home.

One of the disappointments I have had since being elected to the Board of Education is that our paths so seldom cross.

With love.

Jara

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