

42 Kirkland Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts
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Dear Mayor Allen,

We want to congratulate you on your most unique idea for furthering the progress of integration.

The method you chose for enhancing this all important cause is, in fact, so simple we can see why no one had thought of it before.

By setting up the "wall" in Cascade Heights you gave your better citizens (both Negro and White) a common enemy, therefore causing them to put aside trivial differences, join forces, and fight for something much more important--the need for basic survival.

When such "necessities" as medical aid, food deliveries, fire fighting equipment, and school buses are prevented from going their prescribed rounds, it is obvious that mere color differences will be lost in the shuffle to restore conditions to what the modern society is accustomed to.

We expect to see your wall in Cascade Heights go down in history with the importance of Khrushchev's wall in Berlin and Kennedy's blockade of Cuba.

That is, just as Khrushchev forwarded freedom by allying the freedom-loving peoples against his wall, and just as Kennedy forwarded peace by allying the peace-loving peoples against his blockade, you, Mayor Allen, have forwarded integration by allying the Negro and White peoples of Atlanta against your wall.

Again, congratulations!

With our admiration,

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