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1927 N. Decatur Road N.E.
Atlanta, 7, Georgia
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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

In a way the matter I am referring to is none of my business, but in another way I feel a responsibility because I am a citizen of Greater Atlanta and have been working in Georgia since January 1929 in the interest of Christian citizenship with the youth of all races. Further, I am advised that my leadership of the laymen's committee which developed the Laymen's Manifesto in connection with the desegregation of Atlanta Schools, which took considerable time, was definitely helpful.

Mrs. Rohrer and I deeply regret the fact that a barricade was built across Peyton Road, knowing there was marked resistance especially from one group, and that before the objecting group was asked to confer about it. We are convinced that any fair minded person would admit that such procedure is unfair- slap down the opponent and then tell him, let's talk about it. Why not talk first?

If only there were some way that the barricade could disappear into thin air, conference between the two groups immediately concerned could proceed on a much more amicable basis than can be possible with it remaining up unless the objecting group possesses much more Christian forbearance and consideration than is possessed by most of us. Why the haste?

We hope and pray you and your associates will find ways to solve the difficulty without further offending or humiliating the objecting group.

Sincerely yours,

H.W. Rohrer
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Retired YMCA Secretary

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