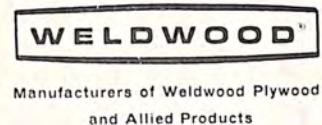


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The Honorable Richard B. Russell  
The United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

The situation here in Atlanta is steadily getting worse according to all news reports. I am so afraid of what is happening to our City. One person killed and three people hurt Saturday night, and the tension is mounting. It seems such a waste, the hate that is spread around the world. If we could only live and love and forget our differences - wouldn't it be a great place to live.

I feel that something had better be done soon to ease the poverty situation for both the black man and the white man. Couldn't we start by relabeling some of our "Foreign aid" to read "American aid", and organize a system where men could earn this aid by way of keeping their self respect in some organized work system? I don't believe people want to be given help. They want the right to earn it; but heaven only knows they need it. Why can't our government realize this and alleviate the situation? We, the laymen, are helpless in this respect, and I'm afraid it is up to you and others like you to help save America's freedom. I am not trying to be dramatic. Our freedom is at stake because we are afraid to walk the streets due to the unrest and anarchism rising in our beloved cities and states. Is this what is to become of our Nation that our forefathers founded and gave their lives so willingly for? Are we so intent on making good impressions on other nations that we forsake our own people? I ask you, is it worth the sacrifice? Sure other nations need our help, but if we can't do both I think the situation here is much more dangerous and should get help first. Violence nor force can help this situation. Only a full understanding of the problem by the government can help.

In closing I would like to remind you of something I hope none of us will ever forget. "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.



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-that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain - that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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