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Dear Friends:

Through the Community Relations Commission, the City is seeking ways to improve the conditions and opportunities of our less fortunate citizens.

A definite plan is being developed which will need your advice and assistance in the area of private enterprise opportunities for Negro businessmen.

I would appreciate your meeting with me briefly on Thursday morning, February 6th at 10:00 a.m. in order that I may have the benefit of your ideas about this project.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

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