546 Vine Street Shreveport, La. Sept 16, 1966

Mayor Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia
Dear Mayor Allen:
This is to congratulate you and the citizens of Georgia upon the fine co-operation between the races which has existed in the past due to understanding and consideration of Civil Rights on the part of these citizens.

It is regeetable that Martin Luther King and his rioters have not recognized this attitude; however, what they are doing now is proving without a doubt that it is not Civil Rights they want, but agitation and hatred as a means of gaining support from the Negro for their "POWER" idea.

I believe this intent on the part of these Communist inspired agitators should be constantly exposed and pronounced by white city officials as well as the thinking and peace-loving Negros. We have Negroes here in Shreveport who say if they could they "would 'accidently" let A their car run over Martin Luther King, and then back off and say 'excuse me' and then start the car and run over? him again and repeat the excuse me'...etc." This indicates that there are Negroes who believe in and appreciate justioe, and many of them realize they are much farther ahead in America than they would have been had they stayed in Africa.
I hope that all speeches made will be made with QUIET DIGNITY instead of loud voice and pounding on desk, as the quiet, strong and determined manner is far more effective. It was an interesting contrast to see the Negro make his response to your statement. He had no reason, nollogic, Very truly, Mre : Wiolet Beiedy

