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Dear Jerry:

It will be golfing weather down this way before long so start plans for a return match.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a press release issued on the ribbon cutting day of Paschals' million dollar motor hotel here in Atlanta. This event would not contain news appeal to warrant a LIFE story were it not for the fact that the undertaking was conceived, financed, and completed by members of the negro community here in Atlanta. Negro banks and insurance companies put up the two million dollars. Negro architects and engineers together with a negro construction company put up the structure. Negro decorators took over the finished building and furnished the rooms, the night clubs, the eating facilities, etc. Obviously, negro management operates it.

Atlanta has been the recognized leader of all the American cities in the matter of workable race relations. There was the exception some weeks back which was the proven result of direct provocation by two or three individuals. It in no way represented the "race climate" of Atlanta.