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600 E. Country Club Dr.

Yuma, Arizona

Dear Mayor,

This letter is to express my appreciation and pride for what you tried to do in the name of justice and fair-play during the recent racial disturbance in your city. In one sense it would seem that you did no more than what a man in your position would be expected to do, but when it is taken into consideration that you are a prominent Southern Gentleman in charge of a large city in the South....what you did is just this side of great.

Not many people would have acted as you did if they were in your place. What ever your personal views on the Negro and his problems matters little. What does matter is the fact that you saw fit to uphold the duties of your office in the highest tradition. It would be all too easy in this day and age for you to turn your back on the situation, things being what they are you would have had many supporters if you had chosen to take a stand of silence.

I realize that a letter of this nature means little or nothing to a man of your standing. You have more important things to do than read trivia. But, still and all perhaps if you receive more such letters from half way across the continent, you will stand taller and fight harder knowing that there are a few of us around who back you up.

Keep up the good work,

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