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Dear Sir:

I presume that if a Negro soldier, able-bodied or wounded, wandered into your lunch stand from the jungles of Vietnam, you would not serve him? Even though you know he is risking his life to make it possible for your continued participation and benefit from the American way of life, you would not serve him? If so, you are not the man I fought for in the Argonne and at Verdun in 1918, nor the man my two sons fought for in Europe in the 1940's. Certainly, if you are on such close terms with God as your campaign talks appear to indicate, He must have told you that he created all men equal. I do not believe he said that any one human being had the power or authority to say that he is better than another man, irregardless the color of his skin. We must remember too, that the actual worth of one human being in his chemical makeup is about 85 cents, current drug store prices, and that goes for all human beings whether they be rich or poor, black or white.

I was proud to have Negro soldiers next to me in the Argonne, and they and the ones fighting in Vietnam and their families, some of them now bereaved, can live next door to me any time or patronize my place of business.

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