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Senator Robert Kennedy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Kennedy:

The enclosed news clipping is submitted as supporting evidence
of the provocative reaction of the representatives of the Negro
Community with respect to the naming of a segregated school for your
brother, the late John F. Kennedy. At a meeting held last night in
the auditorium of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association
in Atlanta, a resolution was passed unanimously requesting and
authorizing the writer to bring this matter in this fashion to your
attention. Because the building of the school on the controversial
site represents an extension and perpetuation of the segregated
school pattern, the home owners occupying property in the aera under
consideration have filed suit in the North Georgia Federal District
Court. If the decision of the Court is unfavorable in this instance
an appeal will be filed with the 5th Circuit Court in New Orleans
and the matter may reach the Supreme Court of the United States
before the matter is finally adjudicated.

With this background we would hope that you might wish to inquire
of the President of the Board of Education and the superintendent
of the Atlanta Schools as to whether any colored person was contacted
as to the naming of the segregated school for your brother which would
of course include those whose property they plan to secure through
condemnation proceedings because the owners have refused to sell their
property to the Board of Education. The personal and official be-
havior patterns of the late President Kennedy should be concrete
proof that he would not be in sympathy with any type of segregated
enterprise bearing his name. More than 35,000 colored people were
represented in the meeting last night where this organized disfavor
was registered.

I would appreciate hearing from you when you have had a chance
to give attention which this matter deserves.

                                   I am sincerely yours,

                                   Jesse O. Thomas

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CC Senator Edward Kennedy

Enclosure