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Last Sunday evening my husband received a telephone call from Mr. F. E. Bennett stating that (Mr.) Calloway of Calloway Realty Co. had contacted him and said he could show proof that he (Mr.) Calloway had the listing on two houses for sale in our area. Mr. Bennett told my husband that he had an appointment with Calloway Monday evening at 7:0'clock at his (Mr. Bennett's) home and asked my husband to be there. Our house is for sale and Mr. Bennett knew this information would be of interest to us.

The following Monday afternoon I received a telephone call from (Mr.) Jewell a salesman of Calloway Realty Co., inquiring about our house. I immediately told him that it was not for sale to colored. He asked if we would contact him if we should change our minds.

Monday evening Mr. Bennett called our home and asked for my husband or me to come to his home immediately and since my husband was out, I went. When I arrived I found that in addition to (Mr.) Calloway being there, his salesmen Jewell and Ed Billingsley were there also. The first thing that Mr. Bennett said when I got there was that he wanted it clearly understood by me that he had not contacted them. (Mr.) Calloway stated in my presence that he had contacted Mr. Bennett. I asked (Mr.) Calloway who had listed their property with him and he said that he could not tell me that, but he could give me the location - which he did. He said one house was located on Harlan Rd. near Peyton Rd. and the other one was on Shelley Dr.

I won't go into details about the discussion, but the subject of ethics came up and I asked (Mr.) Jewell if it wasn't unethical for colored real estate operators to contact white people about buying their property and he said absolutely not - that they were in the real estate business and they could solicit from (for their clients) and sell to, anyone. I asked him if he had a client who was interested in our house and he said he did have.

Signed:

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