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Dear Ivan:

Congratulations on your common-sense approach to the solution of the No. 1 problem facing America today.

This problem was not created by either you or President Johnson, yet the people are looking to both of you for the solution.

In 1865 the people in the North said, "The negro is now ready for citizenship. At the same time

The people in the South said,
"The negro is not ready
for citizenship and never will
be."

Like a cancer - This problem
has been growing every day for
the last 100 years. As no one
doctor - nor all of the doctors
collectively - can cure cancer -
neither you or Johnson or all
of the executives at all levels
of government can remove ^{overnite} the
hazards of neglect that have
been accumulating for more than
a century.

Congratulations on your diag-
nosis and treatment.

Sincerely

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