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Dear Morris:

As much as I would love to see you and the U. N. groups come to Atlanta to "view racial amity," I think that the hotel situation and the Peyton Road barriers would be most embarrassing to you, Atlanta and America. The hotels of Atlanta still refuse to accept Negroes but they will house nonwhites from other countries.

Moreover, the closing of Peyton Road near Dr. Harris' property - is considered as a "Berlin Wall" which we all are ashamed of. So, until the Aldermanic Board recinds its action, by ordering the barriers along Peyton Road taken down, I think that you would be embarrassed.

On the other hand, the proposed visit might hasten the rectification of the aforementioned injustices. So, I leave the decision to you.

I am sending Mayor Allen a confidential copy of this letter because he may wish to write you.

With very best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

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