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My dear Ivan,

You are one of the busiest and most harassed men I know of.

While I was driving home yesterday afternoon with the car radio tuned to WSB hearing about what you and our police department were doing in connection with "black power", I could not keep from remembering that just twenty-three years ago while I was stationed at Camp Van Dorn, Centerville, Mississippi, as the Post Engineer, that the Commanding Officer, Col. Guthrie, his Executive Officer, Lt. Col. Reeves, and myself, unarmed, faced 1,000 Negroes who were members of an infantry regiment that rioted and killed in California, and later they rioted and killed in Arizona. When they were sent to us in Mississippi, they got off the train in our railroad yard with their bayonets fixed and their helmets on and we knew that all Hell was going to break loose. It did - the next night, which was Saturday. We three unarmed officers knew that our time had come, until we were rescued by a battalion of white infantry from the 99th Division, who had been specially trained for riot duty. It was not a good feeling.

Later, this Negro regiment was put into "deep freeze" by being sent to Alaska - a total failure of the efforts on the part of the wife of our President to have an all Negro infantry regiment.

I don't believe in black power, or white power, but just Christian American Power, and it takes men of your calibre to lead the way.

We are very proud of you.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,


Roy D. Warren

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