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12 March, 1965

Dear Senator Harris, *Carmack*

As supporters of yours in your election, we would like you to know our feelings concerning the terrible happenings in Selma, Alabama, this past week.

That defenseless negro citizens, gathered to protest the great injustice of the denial of their right to vote, should have been brutally attacked by Alabama State troopers, on orders of their governor, is a black blot on the history of

our country.

We therefore urge you, in concert with the rest of our duly elected national officials, to register your strong condemnation of this brutal action against defenseless citizens in Selma, and then proceed to work out and pass legislation to insure the rights of negroes in the south to vote.

As white Christians we can no longer ignore the plight of our negro brothers in Christ and their valiant struggle to throw off the bondage of years of moral, political, and economic indignity under which they have labored so long.

We give you our wholehearted support in anything you can do in this area of justice for our negro citizens in the South and everywhere.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. + Mrs. [REDACTED]

temp. address: [REDACTED]

Milwaukee, Wisconsin (over)

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March 17, 1965

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED]:

I share your concern about the urgent need for action in the field of human rights.

Even prior to President Johnson's message to Congress, I made the attached Senate speech calling for such action and had communicated my strong feelings to both the President and the Justice Department.

I will actively support rapid passage of the voting rights legislation because, as I said often during the campaign, we cannot justify failing to use whatever means are necessary to preserve this basic American right.

Sincerely yours,

FRED R. HARRIS
U. S. Senate

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Enclosure