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Senator John J. Williams United States Senate Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Williams:

In light of the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King, we (as we hope all Americans are doing) are searching our hearts to find a solution to the terrible turmoil which has our country in it's grip.

Following are our conclusions: Had we, the white Americans treated our black brothers with the fairness guaranteed them under our constitution, none of this turmoil, hatred and heart ache would exist.

Please, when your opportunity comes to correct this flagrant unfairness—do take it. Obviously more than the granting of a Civil Rights Bill with a fair housing act will be needed. Money will be needed to train the thousands of black Americans who have been deprived of an adequate education, so they can take their place with dignity in our society. Business is going to have to be persuaded to hire black Americans at every level, not just those few who hold an academic degree.

It appears to us that time for action is fast running out - in moments of depression we wonder if we have already lost the chance. From conversations we have had since Friday, it seems that a tremendous change is taking place, that the soft voice of those who are in favor of total equality for all men is finally being heard.

Please dont allow the loud hate voices to lead you into believing that all white Americans are satisfied with the status quo.

Our prayers are with you. We pray you will be guided to act for the good of American and ALL her people, black, white, Indian, migrant laborers and all of our underprivileged people - there is so much injustice to be corrected.

Sincerely,