

1911 Darlington Place
Greensboro, North Carolina
April 13, 1968

Honorable Dan Moore, Governor
State of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Governor Moore:

As a saddened, concerned and somewhat frustrated American whose racial heritage is Negro, I cannot help but express to you my dismay at the lack of creativeness which you show toward today's problems which are so seriously wounding North Carolina.

Mr. Governor, there simply are not enough federal troops to occupy and safeguard all of America's towns; and, Heaven forbid, even if there were enough, who can be sure that Negro soldiers will continue an allegiance to a system the majority of whose leaders still speak as if "law and order" mean status quo. May the human love and dedication which you seem unable to comprehend but which Negro guardsmen, police and soldiers practice in these dangerous times grow in those men of goodwill. May that growth look over and forgive your constant tendency to overlook their loyalty to these United States of America.

In the meantime, Mr. Governor, you can make some gestures which, though criminally tardy, may so much help even now. Just being noticed would help the corporate feelings of all Negroes in this State. Even as they have already identified variously with white attitudes toward the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Negroes here will beam with pride if you would only appoint a sizeable number of Negroes to some significant state agencies. This gesture will not hurt you, Mr. Governor, but it will help all of us so very much.

Can you imagine for one moment, Mr. Governor, the frustration a Negro youth feels when he sees that his race's most talented men--holding all kinds of terminal degrees from universities all over the nation--can never merit appointment to even a handful of harmless state boards and committees. That gesture can come only from you, Sir.

Force, promise of increasing force, determination to force with force will hardly help us, Mr. Governor. But I urge you to try my suggestion which I make in all seriousness and without malice. Give it a chance, Sir. I cannot be any more wrong than your present course.

Very truly yours,

Walter C. Daniel
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Human Relations

April 24, 1968

Mr. Walter C. Daniel
1911 Darlington Place
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Daniel:

I have your letter of April 13, and I appreciate your writing to me.

I agree with you that there are not enough Federal troops to occupy and safeguard all of America's towns. I have never felt such a practice would, in normal times, either promote the general welfare or encourage a better understanding between and among the races. On the other hand, when violence and lawlessness break out, it is the primary business and responsibility of government to restore and maintain civil order, and to protect the lives and property of innocent people. When circumstances require such action, it will be my policy to exercise the power and authority vested in me to restore order and to maintain the rule of law in North Carolina. I regret the circumstances which have, from time to time, required me to call out the Highway Patrol and the National Guard, but I believe that under those circumstances it has been my responsibility to take the action which I took. I assure you that I will not hesitate to take that action again if it becomes necessary.

On the other hand, since taking the oath of office as Governor of North Carolina, I have done everything in my power to promote a better understanding between the races in North Carolina. I believe that we have made significant strides in that direction. I regret that you are not acquainted with the substantial number of prominent Negro citizens whom I have appointed to public office since my term began. I believe the record will show that I have appointed more Negroes to more public offices than

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any Governor in the history of North Carolina. I have been proud to appoint forty-two Negro citizens during my term and every day I am looking for qualified and competent Negroes who will answer the call to public service. There are sixty-one boards, commissions or committees which have Negro representation and they are serving admirably in making a contribution for a better life for all North Carolinians. For your information, I enclose a list of the Negroes whom I have been proud to appoint.

In addition to a continuing effort to draw qualified people of all races into public life and to place them in positions of high public responsibility, one of the goals of my administration has been and will continue to be to offer increased State employment opportunities to Negro citizens in North Carolina. I believe this administration has employed more Negroes than any administration in the history of our State, and I can assure you that it will continue to be my practice to encourage the employment of qualified and able Negroes in State government.

In spite of what you may believe, this has been and will continue to be my course. I regret that you were not aware of it and I invite you to join with me in the search of those Negroes in North Carolina who are willing and able to give their time and talents to the betterment of life for all people in North Carolina. I hope you will never hesitate to correspond with me and to advise me of your thoughts and suggestions. I will welcome the opportunity to continue to receive your views.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dan Moore

Enclosure

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