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March 30, 1968

Governor Dan Moore

Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Governor Moore:

That such things as rioting in our streets can pass under the screen of "Peaceful March" is disgraceful. Someone is bound to be responsible and in this case it is Martin L. King. And he should have to be responsible for the damages rather than the insurance companies.

We don't need a commission's report on rioting. Wrongs done in the past can't be paid off, or made up for by "hand outs". The only way to improve our society is to teach and preach that each citizen is a responsible citizen. And "Do unto others as ~~we~~^{you} would have them do unto you". We are not all responsible for the riots we had last summer and are expecting.

If there is no law under which leaders and participators in riots can be prosecuted there should be such a law.

Why not make it a requirement that a "responsibility paper" be signed by a person, or persons, before a demonstration of any kind can be held. Or better yet have each participator to sign.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. C. H. Reed

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Human Relations

April 17, 1968

Mrs. C. H. Reed
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Dear Mrs. Reed:

Thank you for your letter and for your comments on demonstrations and riots. I certainly agree with your comments that "the only way to improve our society is to teach and preach that each citizen is a responsible citizen, and do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Earlier this year we held a Conference on Community Relations. At that meeting we discussed responsibilities that all people have as citizens of this State. We recognize that problems do exist and we dedicated ourselves to equitable solutions.

There are, of course, laws against looting and burning and other acts of violence. As is evident from the recent trouble in many North Carolina cities, violators of these laws will be arrested and prosecuted. Certainly every effort will be made to see that the laws are enforced fairly and firmly, and that the rights of all people will be protected.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dan Moore

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