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The Honorable Dan Moore  
Office of the Governor  
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Governor Moore:

As Jewish Chaplain at Camp Lejeune, I received the telegram which you sent to our Chapel following the tragic death of Dr. Martin Luther King. Your words of concern for peace among men and an end to strife were most welcome. You asked that we who are clergymen speak to this problem from our pulpits. I can assure you that this was done in our congregation and will continue to be done.

In order to pursue the goal of closer communion among men of different races, it is obvious that concrete steps must be taken to assure the Negro equal status in every phase of our society from jobs to open housing to education to, if I may say so, open houses of worship. In this regard, I would like to address my congregants in very specific terms. Any help that your office can give to me would be most appreciated. Thus, if you could let me know of the legislation which you plan to offer in the coming weeks or months which will be aimed at correcting the problems of racial inequity, I will do all that I can to back such measures before my congregation.

As a rabbi, I was most happy to see the obvious interest in racial harmony which your telegram reflected. Knowing how busy your office must be, any response that you can give to this letter will be humbly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
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*Human  
Relations*

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Dear Rabbi:

Thank you for your letter and for your comments in response to my telegram following the tragic death of Dr. King. I appreciate your support in that endeavor and your interest in continuing the promotion of greater opportunity for all men.

As a new Governor will be elected before the convening of the next General Assembly, I do not propose any new legislation to meet our problems. I feel that we have by and large the necessary legislation on the books, and we are simply trying to implement policies and programs which will help correct the problems which confront our State.

On the one hand, we are enforcing laws against intimidation of any citizen which were enacted by the last General Assembly at my request. On the other hand we are advancing a variety of programs designed specifically to assist low-income families in such areas as housing, recreation, employment and education. Our State Good Neighbor Council has expanded its efforts at promoting human relations.

I do not mean to imply, however, that the problems are coming to an end. We have a long ways to go in North Carolina and I feel this is true of every nation as a whole. However, we do recognize the problems exist and we are utilizing our resources as wisely as possible in bringing about solutions to these problems. The job involves more than Government on the various levels. We must have a recognition of problems within the various communities of the State and a willingness among our people to seek the advancement of human dignity. Our churches and synagogues have an important role to play in this respect.

For your information I am enclosing a copy of the major speeches

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made at a Conference on Community Relations, which I sponsored in cooperation with the League of Municipalities and the Association of County Commissioners. In view of your comments I believe you will be interested in this publication.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Dan Moore

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