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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

CARL MARCY, CHIEF OF STAFF  
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June 21, 1963

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Dear ----:

Your communication regarding the question of racial tension and civil rights is in hand.

As you know, President Kennedy has now submitted a strong legislative program in this field. After careful examination, I am unable to support all of the provisions which the President requested. This was my reaction to the Presidential request on this subject in both 1957 and 1960. Upon both of the former occasions, a reasonable bill emerged which I supported. Whether this will again be the case, I am unable to say.

Racial tensions, as you know, are now more taut, and the President's proposals and recommendations are more far-reaching.

The indications are that no final conclusion will be reached on these legislative proposals before the days are crisp next Fall. You may be sure of my most careful consideration and of my earnest desire to act with the highest sense of justice and reason.

Sincerely yours,

Albert Gore

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