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Floyd D.Miller, President Seattle City Coungil Seattle

Dear Mr. Miller:

I feel that despite the death of the Rev. Martin King, our public officials should not act hastily upon the public housing bill before them, but to give consideration to the wishes of the white citizens who make up most of the population of this city, and who do not approve of the housing bill.

It seems the negroes can make their own laws, and also put stress on the public officials, in demanding everything their hearts desire - and what happens - they blackmail our officials into doing just what they want, by threatening to riot or burn down the city----

The school board seems to be easily swayed by the negro influence in deciding to eliminate schools in the negro district and bussing students all over the city, at public expense. Let me tell you I wish the papers would give prominence to how old B.F.Day, John Hay, Interlake, Greenlake, University heights, and other elementary schools in the north end/ as well as some of our high schools, all some 60 years or so old - yet they are going to close practically new schools in the central area just to placate the militant blacks.

I just hope you will give consideration to these of us who do not believe in taking away the right of the property owner to dispose of his home, and to subject him to a law suit if he does not pass the close scrutiny of the men who are so active in the civil rights moment here, and who do threaten violence if their demands are not met.

Very truly yours

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