The President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am distressed as a citizen of this very wonderful country of ours and should hate to see any strife in it. However, as a housewife and also an office worker, I have run into a very distressing thing. I have working for me a woman of the Negro race. She is good and kind and I have no complaints to make of her. I treat her as kindly as I know how, but, the thing is this, that she has recently begin to say "the colored boys have nothing to fight for across the waters, their trouble is here in the South. The southern people are our enemies". Won't it be terrible to have another Civil War? The Negro race has its freedom, its citizenship, what more do they want. Here in the South it seems that the main complaint is that we think that we expect them to enter marry, or what does the Negro think? He has far, far to go before being as intelligent as the white men. I admit that there are some of them who are wonderfully educated citizens. On the other hand, how many are living as they did almost in the jungles of Africa? They only speak English and that not very correctly. Do they try to improve themselves? We have schools, yes, but do they go and at the same time try to cring themselves above the level they have always lived it. We are going to have serious trouble if something isn't done right away. The Bible says a man's days are numbered and full of trouble and you have certainly had your share. I am in complete sympathy for you and wish my scope were large enough to take some of it off your shoulders, but, being onlya happy citizen, living in the grandest land in the whole world, must complain which I hate most to do. I had grandfathers who fought the last Civil War. Wasn't it terrible. Shouldn't we try to do something to stop another one.

Sincerely

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