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Red Bud, Illinois,
Oct. 5, '62

Dear Sir:

AMERICANS are those of us WHO DO NOT BARTER THEIR SOUL FOR PRIVILEGE OR PROTECTION!

AMERICANS are those of us, who, with faith in our convictions are willing to stand ALONE in chagrin and pain - against any odds which may confront us - WARY of the RACKETS operating IN GOOD NAME in our midst in the EDUCATIONAL, RELIGIOUS, ECONOMIC and POLITICAL FIELDS, which "befriend" the citizen who has not been prepared for his FREEDOM - but whose only REAL concern with him is to exploit his weakness to establish THEIR OWN POWER AND AUTHORITY.

FREE PEOPLE are not prejudiced - but ostracism - which is to crucify without murdering - is only THE LEAST of the weapons employed on each of us by EVERY PREDATOR WHOSE RACKET WE REFUSE TO ENDORSE. It is not used alone to establish racial barriers.

In a free society, we appraise our neighbor purely on his merits as a CITIZEN. Government thus is vested in the INDIVIDUAL - and tyranny is avoided.

We have come to know many fine negroes, whom we respect and trust. If you are being held in contempt by AMERICANS - it is not because of your race, but because obviously you are either not prepared for your freedom - or are DELIBERATELY establishing a beach-head in our nation for the "friends of the weak" who establish "man's rights" from behind bayonets and tear gas barrages - in which case you are being treated too lightly.

It is noted that the "handling" of your matter has received the approval of Castro!

I wish I could help you.

Respectfully,

ELMER E. FREES - a farmer