

SOUTH BOSTON

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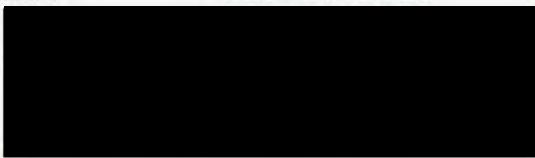
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DEAR FRIEND JOE

JUST TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR GREAT FIGHT AGAINST THE BUSING ISSUE THAT HAS TORN THIS GREAT CITY OF OURS APART THE SHAME OF THE CONGRESSMEN ALSO THE SENATORS OF MASS. WHO VOTED TO CONTINUE THIS DESTRUCTION OF THE CITY WHERE THE RACES GOT ALONG IN SUCH HARMONY IN THE PAST, NOW BECAUSE SOME BODY DID NOT HAVE THE COURAGE TO SHOW THE UNITY THAT WAS PREVAILING AMONGST THE PEOPLE GAVE IN TO A BLACK DEMAND (AS THE SAYING GOES GIVE AN INCH AND THEY,LL WANT A YARD) WELL IT HAS HAPPENED JOE. AND THANKS TO JUDGE GARRITY WHO IS GIVING TO THE N.A.A.C.P ALL THAT THEY DEMAND WITHOUT HESITATION OR SEARCH INTO THE MATTER. THE NEXT STEP JOE IS SOUTHIE HIGH ASTOM ATKINS HAS REQUESTED THE CLOSING OF. AS YOU KNOW JOE THIS COMMUNITY HAS A 38000 POPULATION AND A COMMUNITY OF THIS MAGNITUDE WARRENTS A HIGH SCHOOL, WILL THEY THEN CLOSE CHARLESTOWN HIGH? THEN EAST BOSTON, ECT. ECT. ECT.? ARE WE THE PEOPLE, THE LAW ABIDING PEOPLE SUPPOSED TO JUST STAND BY AND WATCH OUR NATION DESTROYED BY THIS WAVE OF BLACK MILITANTS? OR PERHAPS YOU MAY HAVE ANOTHER NAME FOR THEM, I DONT KNOW WHAT TO CALL THEM. ASK ANY BLACK THAT WAS BORN IN THE BOSTON AREA WHAT THIER FEELINGS ARE ABOUT THIS SITUATION THE REPLY IS I WANT NO PART OF WHAT IS HAPPENING, I HAD NO COMPLAINTS IN THE PAST WHY SHOULD I COMPLAIN NOW? JOE THE GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE THE POLITICAL FRAME IN WASHINGTON MUST BE BLIND NOT TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE GOING DOWN THE DRAIN. IN THE SCHOOLS OF BOSTON THERE IS NO LEARNING GOING ON, MY GRAND CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL HOWEVER THERE IS NOTHING BEING TAUGHT THE TENSION IS THAT GREAT THE VERY AIR THEY BREATHE IN SCHOOL IS LIKE GASES WAITING TO BE IGNITED, THEY SIGH WITH RELIEVE WHEN THEY GET HOME AND OUT OF THE HIGH EXPLOSIVE AREA THE RUMOR NOW IS THAT IF THEY DO DARE CLOSE SOUTHIE ALL THOSE SIXTEEN YEARS UP WILL NOT CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION BUT GET OUT AND GET A JOB WHAT A DELIGHTFUL FUTURE THIS COUNTRY HAS BEFORE THEM, JOE, IF ONLY THESE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS WOULD COME DOWN INTO THE SNAKE PIT AND MINGLE WITH THE BLACK AS WE THE PEOPLE HAVE TO DO I AM SURE THAT THEY WILL FIND NOT THE SAME CLASS OF BLACK THEY ASSOCIATE WITH IN THEIR HIGH OFFICE, NO THEY TOO WOULD THROW

ROCKS, AND YOU KNOW JOE, I HAVE WORKED WITH MANY BLACK PEOPLE VERY NICE PEOPLE, JOE A CONVERSATION WITH ONE PERSON A BLACK WHO HAS TO DO WITH THE C.O.R.E A REAL GENTLEMAN, HE TOLD ME THAT AT A MEETING HE ASKED THAT SOME OF THE CLEAR THINKING PEOPLE IN THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD STAND UP AND GIVE SOME OF THEIR COMMON SENSE THINKING TO THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH BOSTON ARE GOOD PEOPLE AND DON'T DESERVE BEING HARRASSED AS THE N.A.A.C.P HAS BEEN DOING. HE ALSO SAID IN ANOTHER BREATH THAT AS LONG AS GREASE IS BEING APPLIED TO THE WHEEL THAT SQUEEKS THE LOUDEST AND THAT WHEEL IS GOING TO GET THE ATTENTION THE NON MILITANT BLACK ARE GOING TO GET ON THE BAND WAGON AND GET SOME OF THE GREASE TOO SO EVEN THOUGH A NICE PERSON JOE HE DON'T MIND WHO GETS HURT AS LONG AS HE GETS HIS SHARE OF THE SPOIL,S WHICH BRING,S TO MIND OUR VERY GOOD FREIND ED. BROOK,S IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE WHITE VOTE OF THIS STATE HE WOULD NOT BE IN OFFICE, IT WAS NOT THE BLACK VOTE THAT GOT HIM IN THERE, BUT THEN HE IS THERE AND SO NOW HAS FORGOTTEN WHO DID THE JOB FOR HIM. THE WORD IS ~~RIGHTIOUSNES~~ RIGHTIOUSNES HE WAS, WE VOTED, NOW HE IS NOT RIGHTIOUSNES ANYMORE, OH: WELL THE ELECTIONS ARE COMING AGAIN THANK GOD AND ALL THESE RIGHTIOUSNES PEOPLE I HOPE WILL FEEL THE THINKING OF THE PEOPLE IN THIS STATE.

JOE THE FEDERAL JUDGE GARRITTY FOUND THE CITY OF BOSTON SCHOOL,S SEGRAGATED WELL IN 1962 WHEN THE COLUMBIA POINT AREA HAD NO SCHOOL,S THERE WERE 7 SEVEN BUSES OF BLACK CHILDREN BUSED TO ALL THE SOUTHIE SCHOOL,S THE HART, DEAN, GASTON ,GAVIN, CHOATE BURNHAM, PERRY, ECT. ECT. FOR ABOUT FIVE OR MORE YEARS NO STONING NO SWEARING NO NOTHING THEN THEY BUILT THE Mc CORMACK IN THE PROJECT AND SO THE BUSES STOPPED ROLLING INTO SOUTHIE, NOW THEY ARE FORCING THE KIDS TO GO OUT OF THEIR COMMUNITY SCHOOLS BECAUSE THEIR SCHOOLS ARE NOT STANDARD TYPE SCHOOLS, AND THEY WANT THE WHITE SCHOOLS, SO THEY CAN GET THE WHITE TYPE OF EDUCATION, YOU KNOW JOE, I NEVER NEW HOW POORLY OUR KIDS HAD IT UNTIL THESE BLACK ,S WANTED US TO GO TO THEIR SCHOOLS, THEY GOT THE BEST IN EVERYTHING, IT,S TOO BAD THE AREA IS SO DANGEROUS FOR THE KIDS TO GO TO FOR THEY WOULD GET MORE EQUIPMENT THAN THEY ARE USED TO ALTHOUGH WE WERE HAPPY WITH OUR LOT WE NOW FIND THAT WE WERE BEING SHORT CHANGED ALL ALONG. HOWEVER WITH WHAT WE HAD TO WORK WITH WE DID GET SOME GREAT MEN OUT OF THESE SOUTHIE SCHOOLS, S. RELIGION, POLITICAL, SCIENCE, OR WHATEVER. SOUTHIE WILL ALWAYS BE THE GREATEST, THAT THEY CANOT TAKE AWAY FROM THIS GREAT TOWN. JOE AGAIN THANK,S FOR YOUR GREAT FIGHT FOR US THE PEOPLE OF YOUR TOWN, KEEP THE FAITH JOE I HAVE A CANDLE LIT FOR YOU AND YOUR EFFORT IN THIS GREAT FIGHT. RESPECTFULLY



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your recent letter which covered a wide range of topics.

I just wanted you to know that I will continue in my efforts against forced busing. Although the results of the recent Democratic Caucus were disappointing, I shall not give up in our efforts to see that all of America's children get a quality education in their neighborhood schools.

I really appreciate your support and hope that we in South Boston will be able to work together to a most satisfactory conclusion of our efforts.

Please let me know if there is anything I can ever do for you.

With all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress