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MAYOR'S OFFICE

The Honorable Kevin H. White
Mayor of Boston
City Hall
Government Centre
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mayor White:


The candid shot of you in Newsweek probably moved me more than any of the words I have heard you speak over the past two months with regard to the busing situation in Boston. While I am not a proponent of forced busing, I do believe that the federal court has spoken and as a city we must comply. I work with students from both South Boston and Roxbury-Dorchester and I believe from talking with them that they do believe that desegregation can work if the students themselves are allowed to work out the problems without intervention from parents.

I admire you for your honest attempts to deal with this difficult situation and firmly believe that it is beyond the scope of one man's ability to deal with it effectively. For every voice raised against busing and your policy towards it I am sure that there are far more who applaud your efforts, those of the Police Department and also the support that Gov. Sargent has offered.

Perhaps we can only hope that time is in fact the great healer, and the stereotypes that people have nurtured in their minds for years may quickly be dissolved.

I trust that God's grace is not confined to South Boston, I pray that he be with you as well.

Sincerely,



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