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The President
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My Dear Mr. President:

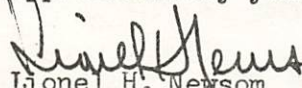
This letter of deep appreciation for all you have done to make our nation a true democracy is far overdue. It appears a bit ironic that the one President who has done most for Negro Americans would be attacked by several of their leaders. As the national president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., an organization of more than 35,000 college men I take this opportunity to thank you in their behalf. Moreover, I personally wish you to know that I supported you in the last election and I shall continue to support you as long as I believe you are serving your nation with honor, courage and love.

The leader of any nation always finds the going difficult when tough decisions must be made. They find it even more difficult when the nation is a seasoned democracy because the opposition can always get an audience with immunity which is not the case in dictatorships or even emerging nations. Those of us who know something about the price of leadership glory in your indomitable spirit to fight both wars without malice towards those who would have us fail on both fronts.

I do not know but I believe that you are doing everything humanly possible to move our nation to greater heights than it has ever known. I support you and your aides as you continue to move our nation forward. Of course you are working under tremendous odds and simultaneously facing many political, religious and reformist snipers. It is my sincere wish that your courage never cease and your armor remain impregnable.

May the Lord our God bless and keep you physically strong, morally straight, and spiritually vigorous. With every best wish for continued success and a pledge of everlasting support, I remain

Appreciatively yours,


Lionel H. Newsom
General President

We have received a copy of a letter to the
President of the United States from

Mr. Lionel H. Newsom, General President of
Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., which we
think may be of interest to you.

Louis Martin
Deputy Chairman