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The Honorable Richard M. Nixon
Vice President of the United States
The Capitol
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. Nixon:

I was delighted to read Earl Mazo's dispatch from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, published in The New York Herald Tribune of March 13, 1957, in which he quoted your telling refutation of anti-American charges made by the Communists.

It was most reassuring to have you speak out in the heart of Africa so the peoples of that Continent and of the world should know that "We shall never be satisfied with the progress we have been making in recent years until the problem is solved and equal opportunity becomes a reality for all Americans."

I am sure that in this statement you express the sentiment of the vast majority of the American people who wish to see an end to racial discrimination and segregation. As you indicated, much remains to be done but progress has been made, especially in recent years, and we are confident that this progress will continue at an accelerated pace until this evil is entirely eliminated from American life.

I know that you realize that in the tasks that lie ahead all freedom-loving Americans will want to share in achieving a society in which no man is penalized or favored solely because of his race, color, religion or national origin. In this endeavor you have my best wishes and steadfast cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Jackie Robinson
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