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Orlando, Florida

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Honorable Ferris Bryant  
Democratic Nominee for Governor  
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mr. Bryant:

In response to your request, asking the people to write you how they feel about the National Democratic ticket, I am writing at this time hoping it will be of some use in helping you to make up your mind how to vote in the November election. I hope you find your answer to be "NO".

The platform, including the civil rights plank, is not a just one for the people at large. It endangers our U. S. A. freedoms. Centralized government, (Federal regulations), causes a government to fall. The United States of America has been a nation where free competition and free enterprise prevailed but if we come under federal rule we will find ourselves entangled in the clutches of bureaucratic government.

The South is never recognized in making up the platform or plank, only a few liberals who want to rule out the freedoms, which makes it quite plain that we do not rate in importance.

The very worst thing that can befall this nation is "Federal Rule". It takes away individual freedom and it dissolves state sovereignty. We will truly be in bondage to such a plan and suffer the consequences. I do not want the federal law to tell me what I have to do in regard to my home, business or my social life. It is true we are created equal but we are not born equal or all of us would be millionaires.

The NAACP is getting the recognition while the white race is being belittled and finally destroyed. I am sure all intelligent people want the negro to have equal facilities - hospitals, schools, nurses, doctors, playgrounds, swimming pools, rest rooms, living quarters and eating places, but to have all of these things in their own environment. This will do more to raise the colored race than any public mixture. The NAACP wants to destroy our way of life, which stems out of communism.

Under the National Democratic ticket it will be a federal offense not to mix in social and business affairs. There are too many negroes below the Mason-Dixon Line and certainly the white race should be given the same freedom in choosing their way of life as is being advocated for the colored race.

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I am sure there are many voters who feel the same as I. People are confused and disturbed in their minds, and many will not vote at all, which is not the way to win.

Mr. Bryant, I voted for you because you seemed to be for the people and not special interests. You want to curb wasteful and unnecessary spending; you said you were not in favor of increased taxation, (which is already a burden), and you advocated segregation, which is right. The Holy Bible proves segregation as certain nations were forbidden to marry or intermarry outside of their own race of people. If our blessed U.S.A. is to remain intact, balanced and free we must not sell our heritage for a mess of pottage. Let our states remain sovereign and not invite dictatorship rule.

May the wisdom of God be your guidance in casting your vote in November.

Sincerely,

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