

March 12, 1965

Mr Donald S. Leslie:  
Wolf Road  
Erie Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Leslie:

We are asking potential and actual customers of Hammermill Paper Company across the country to cancel their accounts and refuse to buy Hammermill products. This boycott will continue until such time as we are convinced that you have exerted all possible pressure on the officials of Alabama to discontinue their racist policies, or until such time as you select another site for your new plant.

We are convinced that a boycott of your products is necessary, in view of the fact that you have received public protests of your decision to build in Selma and have not, so far as we know, responded to them as we believe you should.

We call on you to reverse what we regard as your tacit support of racist policies of the officials of Alabama and Selma. Your refusal to do so may well be interpreted by the public as a blatant disregard not only for your own interests but for the interests of freedom, justice and democracy in this country.

Sincerely,

John Lewis  
Chairman