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The Wilmington Board of
Park Commissioners
% Maurice duPont Lee, Pres.
Municipal Building
10th and King Streets
Wilmington 1, Delaware

Gentlemen:

You may recall that over a year ago, along with representatives of several other civic organizations, we attended a meeting of the Board to request that you initiate a program of complete integration with respect to the use of all public park facilities under your jurisdiction. At that time, we cited the right of all tax-paying citizens to the unrestricted use of all such facilities, and pointed out the inequities of restricting Negro citizens, from all sections of the city, to the use of a single swimming pool, located at 14th and Poplar Streets.

Since that time, as we are sure you are aware, the United States Supreme Court has declared such restrictions to be unconstitutional.

We do, now, urge that you take such action as may be necessary to operate the public pools, parks, and playgrounds under your jurisdiction in compliance with this decision.

We would, here, express our sincere belief that the necessary corrective measures can be instituted with a minimum of effort, and administered by your already experienced staff in a fair and equitable manner. In this regard, we would suggest complete staff integration as an important preliminary step.

Finally, we do hereby assure you of our complete cooperation in this matter; and any assistance we may be able to provide will be readily available upon your request.

Most sincerely,

Wagner

Wagner D. Jackson,
President

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cc: Louis L. Redding

Robert L. Carter ✓

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5421 Nemours Building
Wilmington, Delaware
December 14, 1955

Mr. Wagner D. Jackson, President
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am glad to have your letter of December 11, offering the complete cooperation of your organization in any problems which may face the Board of Park Commissioners in the handling of the operation of the park facilities in Wilmington.

It is gratifying to know that we can call on you should anything arise in which we think you can be of service, and I might say that it is only by cooperation of this kind from civic groups and individuals that public affairs can be run smoothly.

While many of our park facilities will not be again in operation for many months to come, it is very helpful to have your assurance, and that of others, that we have your complete sympathy in our endeavors. It is our objective to make the park facilities of Wilmington as useful and profitable to as many of our citizens as possible.

With best wishes to you and yours for Christmas and the coming year,

Very truly yours,

W. D. Carter
President

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cc: Mr. Louis L. Redding
Mr. Robert L. Carter ✓