

new file -
Civil Rights

March 13, 1961

Rev. Ray B. Bressler
106 North Cass
Oberlin, Kansas

Dear Rev. Bressler:

Thanks for writing me and for the enclosed clipping which I have read. You perhaps know there is some problem here as the population of the District itself is about 70% negro which is one reason, I understand, there is so much reluctance to any home rule in the District.

I have discussed Civil Rights with southern Congressmen very little, in fact have only gotten acquainted with three or four southern Congressmen, but I do hope to find out reasons for their resistance. They do indicate that Kennedy may have some effect on integration in the south because he continues to woo the negro voters and has, of course, been very successful.

Thanks again and please write whenever you have the time.

Sincerely yours,

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Rep. Robert Dole,
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Dear Bob:

Such material as is enclosed, I do not like. Are we to have trouble right here in America with the black man? It would appear that the negroes are getting impatient, because of their past treatment. Perhaps they are justified, but they certainly should remember that quiet resistance gains ground faster than force.

I hope that you are an ambassador of God will in instructing our Southern friends that progress must be made quickly in human relations.

Sincerely,
Ray B. Bressler