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Annie Hayes*

February 4, 1948

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Mrs. Annie Hayes  
3510 Mingo Street  
Dallas 10, Texas

Dear Mrs. Hayes:

We understand fully the chagrin which you experienced as the result of the treatment received from many proprietors of gasoline stations patronized by you during your recent trip. Unfortunately, such places located in the states mentioned are not legally required to make restroom facilities available to all patrons, regardless of race or color. The proposed suit which you mentioned in your letter would seem not feasible for the reason that proof of the facts mentioned by you would be difficult, if not impossible, in a court of law.

I would suggest, however, concerning this phase of your problem, that you consult with a private attorney in Dallas who I am sure will be better able, having all of the facts before him, to make a decision one way or the other.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin H. Williams  
Assistant Special Counsel

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Dallas, Texas  
Mrs. Annie Hughes

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AIR MAIL

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Dear Sir,

I am a member of N.A.A.C.P. and in accord with you in your work. I have intended to write you since last summer.

In June 1947 we made a trip (motored) to N.Y. City. Which was very nice in most states but Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, we was forbidden to use rest rooms in many places. They said they was for white ladies. It seems to me dealers should not be permitted to sell gas and oil and other products to us and not provide these comforts for us also. Could this be taken up with our representative in Washington. I also wish to add that many department stores in this city have segregated against us and want sell to us above the basements (ready to wear) and they don't provide rest rooms for colored. The only rest rooms for us in three store in Dallas.

In Dec 10-1947 we were in Memphis Tenn and we went into Taylor Auto Service Gulf Station to have our car serviced and tire changed, also the two back wheels reversed, from left to right

Attendant or manager left the Lugs  
loose deliberately, and when we was  
good ways out on highway 67, we was six  
miles West of Malvern Ark before day. The  
Wheel ran off, The rim contacted The Cement  
and caught a fire and broke into small  
Peices we manage to keep our heads and beat  
The fire out before it, Ignited The Gas tank,  
and we was able to save our lives also The  
Car and its contents. we wrote This man  
in Tennessee and ask him to Pay The damage  
and we havent heard from him, There was  
four of us in The car. The Car is 1939 Road  
Master Buick Sedan in very good condition.  
my Husband said The man kept questioning him  
about where did he get such a nice car, but he  
never thought he would be so evil to try to wreck  
it and kill us. Do you think there is any  
Prospect for us to bring a law suit against  
him and get anything out of it. If so if  
N.A.A.C.P. Lawyer will take The case we will  
be glad to give them half of what we get,  
hoping an early reply, who is The President  
in Memphis of N.A.A.C.P.

From

Mrs Annie Hayes