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Words can scarcely express our sincere thanks and our deep feelings of consolation for your pointed expression of sympathy, and friendship toward us in this gigantic struggle of trying to make our Country to be the home of All, the protector of all, and so fulfil the objectives of the Constitution in these critical hours.

We believe our cause to be just and morally right, and to be ordered by none other than Heaven's Divine Decree. Therefore, we can know or accept no retreat in this business of "making the Kingdom of this world to become the Kingdom of our Christ". Only then will there be the true basis of Brotherhood.

Personally, I write this letter while still suffering aches and pains from the brutal assault of September 9th. My wife still suffers some. I bear in my body the scars and wounds of the struggle. But being a Christian and seeking to be a man like Christ, I can truthfully say that I bear no ill will or malice, and that it will never be that I should wish harm or evil to any. Rather I believe we should be happy to suffer as Christians; for if there ~~be~~ no suffering there can be no victory. And I can assure you that I speak for thousands here who feel the same way.

Please remember us continually in your prayers, that we, and others all over this Southland, who must suffer through this midnight of terror and confusion, ~~may~~ ever keep our heads high, hearts erect, and hands clean, so that Righteousness, justice, and the milk of human kindness will ultimately prevail. Thank you for your gift of love, prayers, or whatever you may find it possible to do for us in these hours.

Yours for a better America,

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