Dear Friends:


City Bus lines. Front section reserved for white passengers. Wash Pk. predominantly Negro, seating space for 16 persons kept vacant for white people whether they board the bus enroute to town. The bus driver often passes colored passengers, with these empty seats, when he thinks enough are standing in the aisle. This means a larger number will be waiting for the next bus.
The next bus driver may also not stop for colored passengers. Sometimes, colored passengers have to pay their fare at the front of the bus, and then go to the rear door for entrance, which is already overcrowded. Recently, it is not uncommon for a bus driver to order a colored woman to vacate a seat for a white man to be seated in the same space. Such practices and many other unjust things are regular routine.

On reaching my job, which is at Monty's largest Dept. Store, Monty told there are the drinking fountains throughout the store, plainly marked. White Only on one and Colored on the other. The women employees rest room is...
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Is for white. The ladies’ lounge for public is known to be for white only without the sign. The colored women employees and public use the same lounge (Women, there is none for men). The colored women employees eat their lunch in a little room next to the rest room. The door between the toilet and dining area can not be closed tightly enough to stay shut.

There is a luncheonette counter, where some colored help is employed as cooks, dishwashers, etc., but colored people are not served at the counter. They may buy the food and take it away to eat it.
Colored people are employed at this store as maids, porters, elevator operators, truck drivers except that I work in the tailor shop doing men's clothing alteration as a helper of the tailor, who is colored.

One colored man is the window dresser. I don't know what else he does.

There is a large number of negroes shopping in this store most of the time. This thing called segregation here is a complete and solid pattern as a way of life. We are conditioned to it and make the best of a bad situation.

At the Public Library, located near the downtown shopping section, a colored person will not be permitted to come in and read a book or be given
one to take out. The requested book will be sent to the Central branch library, on the east side of town, if it is not already available there.

Last year, some Youth Council members who are students went to this library for reference books to use in school. They were told the books were there but they would be sent to the branch library to be issued to them there, even though these young people lived on the west side of town.

As you see, my dear, it is something that remains
endless. I could go on and on, and there would still be some more to tell.

The schools are all segregated and, of course, unequal. The churches are also segregated. White people sometime visit the colored churches, but I don't know if any colored people go to white churches, except as nurses to look after small children. I don't know of any going as guests.

I don't know how helpful it is to you, but I hope it may enlighten you a little about the way of life in the South. You may write again and let me know of something.
in particular that you want to do research work on.

Employment, housing, voting, education and social aspects are all fertile fields for research based on racial discrimination.

I will close for present. I am sure you read of the lynching murder of Young Emmett Till of Chicago. This case could be multiplied many times in the South. Not only Miss, but...
known Negroes who were killed by whites without any arrests or investigation and with little or no publicity. It is the custom to keep such things covered up in order not to disturb what is called