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Mayor Gordon S. Clinton
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FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Dear Mayor Clinton,

On Dec. 25th, the Seattle P.I. carried an item that you were not supporting the full report of your Citizens Advisory Committee on Minority Housing, but were asking for a Commission and listing service now, but without the ordinance at this time.

This stand would then support the 4 minority members of your committee, representing real estate interests, who did not support that section calling for a strong law against housing discrimination in the City of Seattle.

As for the LISTING SERVICE, a city sponsored one is good, but it should offer something above what is already available. We do have a volunteer service, the FAIR HOUSING LISTING SERVICE, which currently maintains a list of over 50 homes for sale in White areas, and which are available to Non-Whites. Over 15 Negro families have secured new housing thru this service in the last 7 months. Therefore, you should either take over such a service and expand it, or provide something better. Since our listing bureau does not seek rentals, but only sales, you might consider asking a group like the Seattle Housing Authority, with a convenient office on Yesler Way, to set up a rental service on a city wide basis, and provide them with some material aid. Such a group might also take over our sales listings.

The year 1963 is simply too late to start with a partial approach to such a serious problem. We need the listing services and a strong ordinance also.

Sincerely,
Sidney Gerber
Sidney Gerber, Pres. Harmony Homes.
Secy. - Fair Housing Listing Serv.

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