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**CONGRESS OF
CORE
RACIAL EQUALITY**

to abolish racial discrimination by direct, nonviolent methods

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The Honorable J. D. Braman
Mayor, City of Seattle
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Honorable Sir:

On April 23, 1964, the Seattle Congress of Racial Equality sent a letter and a copy of a proposed agreement to Mr. Paul Appling of Picture Floor Plans, Inc. In that letter we suggested that representatives of Picture Floor Plans meet with CORE to discuss and, hopefully, reach agreement on points designed to eliminate discrimination against minority group persons in the sale and rental of housing. To date we have received no reply.

We are concerned that there has been no real communication between civil rights organizations and the real estate community in Seattle. It is because such a situation exists in Seattle that CORE has found it necessary to engage in direct action which has included picketing and sitting in at Picture Floor Plan offices and developments to protest the discriminatory policies and practices of that company in an attempt to end these practices in the sale and rental of housing.

We feel that your office and influence can be used to bring together representatives of CORE and Picture Floor Plans in discussion and negotiation of the proposed agreement to end discrimination. Until CORE can open communications with Picture Floor Plans we feel it is necessary that the community be kept aware of the discriminatory practices through our direct action program.

Sincerely yours,
Harold Martin
Harold 'Tim' Martin
Chairman
Seattle CORE

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