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Reverend Pickens A. Patterson
Pastor, Butler United Presbyterian
Church
603 West Victory Drive
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Department of Justice has filed suit, as you may know, in Shreveport, Louisiana, seeking to require that the City stop its practice of enforcing racial segregation at the Trailways Bus Terminal. In reviewing our investigative reports I see that you were interviewed by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning your experience at the Trailways Bus Terminal in Shreveport on May 19, 1962. As attorney for the United States, I would like to have you appear as a witness and testify concerning this matter for the United States. The trial is scheduled for November 2, 1962, and will be held in the United States District Court in Shreveport, commencing at 9:30 A.M.

I would appreciate an immediate reply as to whether or not you will be able to come to Shreveport the afternoon of November 1, 1962, to be available to testify in this matter on November 2. I am also requesting the presence of Reverend W. D. Wood of Cordale, Georgia. You will, of course, be entitled to the normal fees and expenses paid to all witnesses called by the United States.

Sincerely,

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