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Chief Master Sergeant Marion Thomas
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Dear Sgt. Thomas;

I was pleased to learn of the meeting held recently between you, other Black Leaders of Georgia, Governor Carter and General Paris. As you know, increasing minority participation in the National Guard is an area of great concern and one which will require a great deal of support. It is encouraging to know that we share a mutual interest in this area.

When future meetings are planned, feel free to let us know if we here in the National Guard Bureau can be of any assistance to you.

I offer my sincere appreciation for the interest shown in this matter, and look forward to the attainment of mutual goals in the interest of all of our people and for the defense needs of the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F. S. Greenlief".

FRANCIS S. GREENLIEF
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