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Honorable Edward W. Brooke  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Brooke:

This is in reply to your letter of June 6, 1967, to the Attorney General requesting information regarding anti-miscegenation statutes that are currently in force.

On Monday, June 12, 1967, the Supreme Court, in the case of Loving v. Virginia, declared unconstitutional the anti-miscegenation laws of Virginia. The Court held that "restricting the freedom to marry solely because of racial classifications violates the central meaning of the Equal Protection Clause" and also the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. While the Court only had before it the Virginia statutes, in its opinion the Court grouped Virginia with the fifteen other states "which prohibit and punish marriages on the basis of racial classifications."

For your convenience, I am enclosing a copy of the Court's decision in Loving v. Virginia. I hope this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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