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Dr. H. Clay Chenault, Vice-President  
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Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Chenault:

We, a branch of the National Association For The Advancement Of Colored People, feel that you and the four other doctors that helped in the admission of Miss Edith Mae Irby to classes at the University of Arkansas should be given great credit in breaking down the racial barriers in this, the United States, thus making it a true country of democratic principles. We only wish we had more liberal-minded Americans and educators who would be willing to put into practice these ideals of democracy.

It is not always the race, but oft times the opportunity that allows one to attain achievement through education.

You must realize that Miss Irby must be truly a loyal pioneer in setting a precedent in education in her State.

We salute Miss Irby for overcoming the many obstacles that have confronted her and wish her ever success in her career and also the liberal-minded educators that have made this possible.

Yours truly,

*George Maxwell*  
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