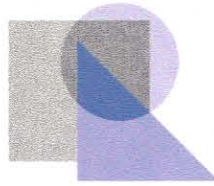


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Keith Holliday
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Cc: The Greensboro Chamber of Commerce
The Editor, The News & Record

Dear Mayor Holliday,

It has come to our attention that your community has decided to create a Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to address the events of November 3, 1979, in Greensboro, North Carolina, and that the Commission will be formally seated and sworn in on June 12th.

We are not part of the Greensboro community, and therefore cannot express any judgment on the issue to be addressed by the Commission. However, we have worked to bring about healing and reconciliation in other places around the world where past events are a source of deep and unresolved divisions.

Based on our own experiences, we know something of the risks that your community is taking and the courage required to embark on a journey such as the one you have chosen. While truth and reconciliation commissions are neither easy nor perfect, they can be powerful tools for the transition to a stronger community.

We wish to salute Greensboro on this bold initiative and to declare our support for this important endeavor.

We will hold your community in our hearts and prayers as you go through this process. Our prayers are both for Greensboro, that it might find valuable lessons of healing and hope in the course of this truth and reconciliation effort, and for the many other places in this world that have their *own* "November 3rd". May your example inspire within them the same courage and resolution to seek truth *and* reconciliation.

Sincerely,

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