

Excerpt from a letter written to Dr. Johnston after the publication of the 1952 article in Ebony Magazine.

Painesville, Ohio

August 5, 1952

Dr. Albert C. Johnston:

Dear Sir:

After reading an article in our local paper about you, your family, and your town, I wanted very much to write to you, this article read: *Dr. Johnston is especially proud of Keene and its people, they respect human rights and are willing to give a man a \_\_\_ regardless of his color.*

You see I am white my husband is white but I have a little boy who is colored and I love him so very much, he is just about to have his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday

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which will make him very near time for kindergarten. My problem is this, trying to find a place that is respectable, and also where he can go to school to get his education and I can be with him at the same time.

Dr. Johnston do you think in a case like mine there would be a place in Keene, N.H. for my family, you see my husband also thinks a lot of Larry since he has helped care for him since he was a baby. The going was rough for a long time but we are still together....