

can do. We want to create like the white race created, because we are creative people.

We do not just want to be the bricklayer, we want to be the designer of the building, the architect.

We do not just want to be the pilot of the plane, we want to be the designer of the plane.

Do you understand what I am trying to say? These are the things that we feel. These are the things that we know that we must have to do. We have to do these things. We have to establish our identity. We have to regain back our culture. We have to get our stolen heritage.

These things have been denied us too long as a people and we are hungry. We are starving. We are crying inside and white America refuses to hear us. She only hears us when she gives us a demand and we reply. But when we give white America a plan, a demand, we are shot down, like the Reverend Martin Luther King.

He was a great man. He was a man the white people should have listened to, but he was shot down with a bullet from the white racist society. It was not only one white man that pulled that trigger; it was all white men, because all white men are part of the white racist society.

You were born into it. Your foreparents were the seed, were the bearer of the racism that has embraced America and the world over. You are making black people the victims of your ignorance, of your stupidity. And we have done nothing. We have done nothing and yet we receive nothing.

Senator, I am not a begging man because I believe in fighting for what I want. I am like any other human being. I have fears and I want to live, but I will die for what I believe in. I will die for the liberation of black people. But you can save my life as well as 22 million black lives. Pass this bill.

Take the old bill and tear it up, write a new one. Use your power and your influence along with your colleagues and make this Federal Government, the city government, the State government enforce these bills and see how the black man, once he is given the chance, can come and be a credit and helpful to America. Because we are nothing to ourselves and needless to say, we are less than that to you, because you do not consider us to be men.

Most of you consider us to be less than human, an animal. They say we are apes, monkeys, but I know that I am as great as any white man that ever lived, any white man that will ever live. I know my brothers are just as great. And needless to say about my black sisters—they are also great.

But they want to contribute; if not contribute to white society, then allow them the opportunity to contribute to a black society, because we were once creators. We come from a very lucrative and creative land. We come from the land of Pharaohs, the sphinx, the pyramids. These were our forefathers. But you do not tell us that. We know they were our forefathers and they were great men. They have achieved great deeds which no civilization has been able to surpass.