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August 12, 1938.

His Excellency,  
Franklin Delane Roosevelt,  
President of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a petition on behalf of the colored residents of Transylvania, Louisiana, and signed by the white merchants of Lake Providence, Louisiana, requesting that the Farm Security Administration reconsider its action in removing some 250 colored families from Transylvania into another community about 60 miles distant from this place.

It is the belief of the white merchants that this is unnecessary and that the change of location is against the wishes of the colored families who have lived in Transylvania for more than three generations. The proposed change is in keeping with the recommendation that the colored families of Transylvania be located in Thomastown, Louisiana, and be replaced by white families taken from various sections of Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas.

Your personal attention is directed to this matter as all past efforts to get a reconsideration of the proposed change has met with failure.

Very truly yours,

*Original at  
The Amistad Research Center.*

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