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Dear Mr. Davis:

Re: GEER CEMETERY PROJECT

During the last school year we discussed the possibilities of a class project working on the many efforts to do something about the conditions as the Geer Cemetery.

Attached is a brochure of information that I have been able to gather on this cemetery and black families that were living in Durham during the later years of the use of the cemetery. I have a number of relatives there and I know others who have relatives there. We understand that the last body was buried there in 1939.

Your class could help us identify many of the graves there if you could make copies or copy information from the death certificates that are on file in the Durham County Health Department. I understand that there are records there from about 1913. They are public information, however, the volumn involved may need approval. I was told to have you talk with Dr. John Fletcher, Health Director, on how best this could be done. Please call him at some point and discuss this with him. I plan to call him also. His number is 560-7650.

I will come to the school to discuss and review this or talk to the class, if needed. Give me a ring at your convenience. Thanks.

Yours very truly,

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