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Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta, Georgia

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I wholeheartedly protest the injustice and illegal arrest of Stokely Carmichael of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee.

You, along with the newspapers have joined in another trick to try to fool the general black public, but this trick not any other will stop the black people's revolution.

If police brutality, slums, poverty condition's, and the general exploitation of the Negroes there in Atlanta, the citizens protest of police arrests which is termed a riot would never have occurred, but this protest and further protests will continue on a mass scale because of the inhuman treatment of the black people all over America.

Whether it is Carmichael or whoever it may be that speaks out the truth in behalf of the black people, it is what every black person feels within his heart. A feeling that will continue until every black person is free of all injustices that he is being subjected to under white power, and Carmichaels arrest is just another one of these injustices, the denial of free speech.

Mayor Allen, the fight will continue, the feelings will continue, the protests will continue and who knows all the rest that will continue until the day comes when all black people are able to be free of the conditions that are forced upon us by the white power structure.

However, may it be emphasized here that you have added a fuel to the spark and stronger bounded the black people's effort's in their revolution.

Lorraine West