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Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia
Atlanta, Georgia

Your Honor the Mayor:

The attached clipping is the most atrocious incident that has yet befallen the Racial Movement. We are both 60 years old and are White.

My wife was born and lived in Arkansas. I was born and lived my life in Ohio.

We like yourself are glad to see peaceful citizen action in reference to a grievance. This is the American way and we like yourself are in accord with this manner of action.

Yet we are like the Mayor of Waukegan, Illinois. When they had their recent flareup he refused to meet with what he called and described as "Scum" the Black Power groups until he is assured of meeting with first class citizens. This means that whether it be in Georgia, Illinois, Ohio the responsible citizens who work, live and conduct themselves as respectable citizens are the ones to set the time place and manner of doing the necessary things to keep a fair and just interpretation of the law.

We admire your courage to go out in the open and address those people in their own neighborhood. They should respect you first as a man, and second as an official of the City of Atlanta, state of Georgia, the United States of America.

You are in our opinion aware of the needs of the situation better than anyone else, hence we offer no suggestions or advice. We do however, condone and admire your policies whether the person is white or negro they are either guilty or not of wrong or if not guilty then they should be set free.

Stokley Carmichael is guilty of "Insurrection" as he chose to agitate and encourage an attack on government. His attack on you was an attack on citizens of the nation. We are back of you and the sooner the minority groups learn the correct way to address their grievances the better.

The 1 000 negroes who poured into the streets, attacked the officers with rocks and bottles, tipped a police cruiser and attacked white motorists were all "Insurrectionists". Their leader and those guilty of the act should be punished with the maximum penalty of the law. In your state of Georgia it is as we understand, "DEATH".

May peace and order prevail in Atlanta and over the nation. The way it now seems there is a planned program to attack, Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio, Illinois, New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama and California. Where will it strike next? The rider attached to the Civil Rights legislation which makes it a Federal Crime to travel from state to state to stir, agitate and cause civil riots. But since this legislation isn't going to pass it now seems likely that each state will have to pass their own laws on this "Version of Carpetbaggers of 1966". We are for you and your efforts to maintain order. Best wishes.

yours truly, *Walter H. Breiling*