

April 3, 1968

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Dan Sweat

Subject: Atlanta Christian Council Civil Disorders Proposal

The attached statement was unanimously adopted Tuesday by the Atlanta Christian Council. Johnny Robinson and I met with the Resolutions Committee during the morning to discuss this statement with the members of that committee.

The ministers are sincerely interested in contributing directly to the elimination of central city problems and are seeking realistic ways in which to become involved.

You will notice they want to finance a luncheon or dinner which you would host. What they really want to do is to organize an Urban Coalition or help formalize the Coalition which we have previously attempted to get started.

They desire to invite John Gardner down, who along with you, would help draw interested leaders from all walks of life to the dinner meeting.

I will meet with Dr. Moore and members of his committee Thursday in an attempt to develop specifics before the committee meets with you next Wednesday at 3:00 p. m. to outline their plans to you.

Such a dinner would be held probably the week of May 6. Dr. Harry Fifield has suggested that it be held at his church.

I think we should support and encourage such a gathering.

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