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Hon. Ivan Allen,
Mayor,
Atlanta Georgia

Honorable Sir:

May I say Thank you, and good for you. The whole country should be grateful to you for your courage and good judgment in putting that man Carmichael where he belongs. Why the Department of Justice has not stopped him is difficult to understand. It seems to me that votes and money come before our Country. Unless justice comes alive to what is happening to us and takes action soon the country will be in such a state that possibly votes will mean nothing and as for money if one is strong enough to keep any he may have he will be lucky.

Violence is the order of the day and mob rule. Why the police do not defend themselves against these charges of brutality is a mystery. Possibly you are not troubled with this because your police may still be strong, but in the District of Columbia they are actually prevented from making arrests by the crowds that gather, - and absolutely nothing is done about it.

Excuse the digression. Who is Carmichael, is he an American citizen, who is paying him and his associates? The organization should be investigated. His preaching of insurrection in all of our large cities certainly does not come under the rights of free speech. He promotes the use of the molotov cocktail and, with reference to Cleveland, he advocates the use of dynamite to break down the brick walls that Cleveland apparently proposes to build to shield the store windows, or instead of them. And this is done openly.

I hope that justice will prevail and that pressure from all the organizations who seem to be bent on destroying us will have no influence. I am losing faith in the men who are in high places and who should be intelligent enough and concerned enough about the good of our country as a whole ^{not} to be swayed by mob rule. I hope this will not be true in Atlanta.

It is a sad state of affairs. The do-gooders have us all sobbing about the poor abused Negro. Someone should proclaim all the benefits he has access to, and we should return to reason and common sense. The agitators amongst us should be silenced.

Again, thank you, you will have at least stopped Carmichael for a time and have showed him that you are not afraid of him and his backers.

Sincerely,

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