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PENNSYLVANIA BUILDING
PENNSYLVANIA AVE. AT 13th ST., N. W.

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WASHINGTON

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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. Mayor of Atlanta Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am writing to suggest what I believe would be a practical way of putting a stop to the inciting of violence of normally well behaved colored people by the Black Power gang.

They were able, I understand to create the riot by outright deception in that they stated the suspected auto thief was shot while handcuffed, when the truth was he had never been handcuffed and was trying to get away from the policeman when he was shot. At least, that is what I read in the Washington papers.

I, therefore, propose that you secure the enactment of legislation (by special session of your legislature, if it is not now in session) in the nature of the following:

An Act

It shall be unlawful for any person, or association of persons to create or publish or otherwise disseminate within the State of Georgia any false statement which would tend to create disorder, or to incite riots, or inflame persons against persons, or to incite people of one race against the people of another race, or to incite persons of one religion against persons of another religion.

Any person violating the provisions of the foregoing act, shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not less than two thousand dollars or imprisoned for not less than two nor more than five years, or both.

Nothing in the foregoing shall be construed to restrict the freedom of the press in publishing statements that are true nor shall anything in the foregoing be construed to prohibit the publishers of established newspapers from publishing statements which they have adequate reason to believe are true, it being the intent of the Legislature to prohibit the promulgation of false information calculated to disturb the public peace.

Yours very truly,
Frank G. Campbell