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Chief Herbert T. Jenkins
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175 Decatur St., S. E.
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Dear Chief:

The recent racial disorders which we experienced have, of course, pointed up many things which could have been done, if we had had the money, and which perhaps can be thought about for implementation in the very near future if funds permit. A suggestion has been made to me which I consider excellent and which I would like to pass on to you for your consideration and for some discussion before the Police Committee at its next meeting on September 28.

It has been suggested that for regular duty in certain areas of the City, such as Summerhill, there be an inter-racial program so that white and Negro officers can patrol certain sections together. This has many desirable features, not to mention a psychological effect upon the residents of the community. I know that this will necessitate doubling the personnel in certain areas (whereas at the present time we are using one man to the car, etc.) but it is something that we should give serious consideration to in certain of the troubled areas. Whether such should take the form of patrolling in cars or on foot is another matter which we will have to discuss; but in any event it is a good suggestion if we can obtain the funds and otherwise make some shift in watches so as to be able to accomplish this. I realize that it may have some disadvantages, and I would be very pleased to hear your views in

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the matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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