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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Perhaps your secretary informed you that I called your office today at which time I talked with her about the recent rioting in your city. I should have perhaps made my call person-to-person in which case I could have had the pleasure of speaking to you personally.

As I told Miss Robinson, I am a native of Virginia, but have been in Florida since 1938. I take the Jacksonville Times-Union paper in order to read something except slanted news since we have only two papers here which are both liberal and ultra liberal, particularly the Miami News which will not even use the word Negro if it can be avoided. Its editor, one Bill Baggs is a champion of the "Reverend" Martin Luther King, in fact he wrote only recently a glowing tribute to King which was slightly nauseating to this writer. As you probably know, this Negro recently met in a downtown hotel in Chicago with a group of Negro ganster leaders among which were the leaders of The Vikings, The Vice Lords and some others I do not recall at the moment and these gang leaders where exhorted to intensify their activities in Chicago and apparently what they did is having its effect. This Negro Carmichael who was on hand when your trouble started in Atlanta is not quite as subtle as King is, but nevertheless King's so-called nonviolent activities are rank hypocrisy. This is bad enough, but when the Vice-President of the United States condones what The Untouchables are doing and he has done just that for he said that "If I were in the same position I would do the same", or words to that effect.

Mayor Allen, you are to be congratulated in showing restraint under these circumstances, but I am satisfied that the restraint of most people in this country is wearing extremely thin and I know full well that if all responsible people of our country do not get their backs up and put some statesmen in Congress instead of yesmen for Lyndon Johnson, then we can expect more of the same and worse.

Cordially yours,

S. S. Sawyer
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