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The Mayor Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

As you know, racial demonstrations have been taking place for some weeks in the town of Danville, Virginia, about one hundred miles from our town of Covington. We here in Covington are seeking ways to avoid the confusion and turmoil which other towns have known by acting in advance of the difficulty to establish cordial relationships between the races, relationships in which differences can be ironed out around the conference table rather than in the midst of mobs.

We look to your city as a pioneer among those who did not wait for the trouble to start before doing something about it. The purpose of my letter is to ask you to send any information which is available concerning the advanced planning which was carried on in your city. If you can send me written information, or direct me to nationally circulated magazines where such information can be found, I will greatly appreciate your service.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours truly, James O. Chatham James O. Chatham

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