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Honorable Jack J. Rushin  
377 Techwood Drive, N. W.  
Atlanta 13, Georgia

Dear friend Rushin:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of August 17 to Secretary Rusk which I read with a great deal of interest.

I share your concern over the wave of lawless racial agitation currently sweeping the country. As I have stated many times, I am unalterably opposed to mob action and lawlessness of any kind, whatever form it may take. Unfortunately, what we are witnessing can be expected inasmuch as the federal government, notably the Supreme Court and the Executive branch, has in effect given the agitators carte blanche authority to flout the law and incite violence and riots. Unless this is checked and the present situation corrected, it can lead only to civil strife in its most violent of manifestations.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith two speeches concerning the rioting in Los Angeles and Americus which I have recently given in the Senate.

Please let me know whenever I can serve you in any way.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

*Herman E. Talmadge*

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