COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS OF GREATER ATLANTA, INC. 5 Forsyth St., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 532-1581 September 8, 1966

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The Council on Human Relations of Greater Atlanta, Inc., an interracial voluntary membership organization dedicated to equal opportunity for all people in the Atlanta area, today deplored Tuesday's violence but charged that no one group, including SNCC can be held responsible for the disturbances in Atlanta and that the basic responsibility lies with Atlanta's lack of concern over miserable conditions in slum areas.

In a lengthy statement the Council spells out the deficiences in the city and county and warns that the elimination of one man or one organization is not the solution. They point out that the authorities cannot fail to be aware of the grievances of the residents of the troubled area and claim that only by default on the part of the community can any outside group gain control of the destiny of Atlanta. Instead, the Council concludes, Atlanta must face the bitter truth that only by a highly expensive and comprehensive rehabilitation program can the threat of further violence be eliminated.