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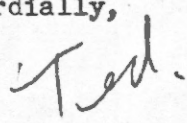
June 17, 1963

Assistant Attorney General Burke Marshall
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Burke:

I thought you might be interested in the
attached.

Cordially,



Theodore E. Brown
Director

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Negro citizens all across June 14, 1963 and especially
those in Jackson must be assured that the vicious police
brutality will not be tolerated. Let's not wait until more
heads and bodies are broken before recognizing that law and order
have broken down in Jackson and that the Federal presence is
urgently needed.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.
The dramatic technique must be used
to show that it is one of the most
difficult solutions of an increasingly critical problem.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

No one can read the newspapers, listen to the radio,
or witness television news accounts of police brutality in
Jackson, Mississippi without responding emotionally. This
is especially true of all American Negroes. While there
is imminent danger of a violent reaction from the Negro
community in Jackson, primarily due to having taken more
than they can stand, there are even more dangerous national
overtones.

The inhuman treatment of Negro and sympathetic white
citizens by Jackson police and the recent reports of brutal
treatment in Winona, Mississippi coming on the heels of the
high-pressure water hoses and dogs in Birmingham is creating
increasing anger in Negroes in every section of the country.
This anger could develop into violence.

The Jackson police have demonstrated to the whole world
that their only method of dealing with the situation is to
brutalize American Negro citizens. Therefore, it seems to
me that rather than wait until more heads and bodies are
broken, property damaged, and, perhaps, people killed, the
Federal presence in terms of marshals and/or troops should
be dispensed to Jackson.

American Negro Leadership Conference on Africa

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Negro citizens all throughout the country and especially those in Jackson must be assured that the vicious police tactics will not be tolerated. Let's not wait until more deaths have resulted before recognizing that law and order have broken down in Jackson and that the Federal presence is necessary now.

The sober as well as the dramatic technique must be used if there is a possibility that it can contribute to a quick and equitable solution of an increasingly critical problem.

Respectfully yours,

Theodore E. Brown
Director

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