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Mr. Harold K. Brown, Chairman
San Diego CORE
2528 Imperial Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your telegram to the President regarding the situation in Bogalusa has been referred to this Division for reply.

Federal officers, including attorneys from this Division, have been in Bogalusa for many weeks.

This office has recently brought suit to prohibit discrimination at six restaurants in Bogalusa. However, the safety of demonstrators and other persons is the responsibility of local officials. Although some incidents have occurred in Bogalusa, there is no evidence that local officials are unable to maintain law and order. On the contrary, there is indication that the Mayor of Bogalusa and the Governor of Louisiana realize their responsibilities in this connection and are acting accordingly.

You can be sure that all probable violations of federal law are promptly investigated. And, if it appears there has been a violation, appropriate action will be taken.

Sincerely,

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