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Riots robo

Dear . . .

The recent outbreaks in some of our major cities are truly disturbing and what the situation requires is a statement from the Chief Executive with respect to rigorous law enforcement and protection of life and property in every section of the land and that the executive power really means business.

In addition thereto, there should be some executive appeals for a resurgence of the traditional spiritual American outlook which has lifted the country to its present high estate.

The civil rights bill which has passed the House includes a provision that would make it a federal crime to cross state lines for the purpose of inciting to riot and no doubt this will have good attention also during the debate in the Senate.

Sincerely,

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