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TELEGRAM SENT TO ATTY. GENERAL RANSAY CLARKE, JUSTICE DEPT., WASH. D.C., BY SNCC CHAIRMAN H. RAPP BROWN.

We direct your attention to the lawless and criminal invasion of the Negro community of Prattville, Alabama police and klansmen. We charge that civil and legal rights of several Negroes were violated. We can document several instances.

10 Negroes being held incommunicado in Prattville jail, where in recent months at least one Negro has been murdered by police. We urge that you investigate conduct of police. Act immediately to protect rights of Negro population and to prosecute police officers guilty of violence against innocent people in their homes.

Failure of the Federal Government to act to ensure justice will encourage violence by white racist, and leave the Negro community no alternative but self-defense. Responsibility for peace in months to come rests with your department. Request that you inform us of action you take/

TELEGRAM SENT BY SNCC CHAIRMAN, H. RAPP BROWN TO: DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, FLOYD McKISSICK, WHITNEY YOUNG AND ROY WILKINS.

We call attention to police/klan invasion of Prattville, black community, and to present police occupation, and the brutal beating of numerous persons including Dan Hauser local NAACP head, and John Hulett of the Lowndes County Freedom Organization. Ten arrested Negroes incommunicado, and in danger in jail where Charles Rashberry was murdered by police in February. Stokely Carmichael refuses bond until other prisoners are released.

We call upon the Civil Rights Movement to protest police lawlessness in black community. Imperative that you urge full scale Federal investigation and protection of Civil rights of black community to avert total violence in Prattville and surrounding counties. Request that they send federal agents to scene immediately, and make facts public.