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In a few weeks one of our graduates will be in Mississippi to help colored citizens there. She will go out of concern for her fellowman, and out of devotion to the elementary principles of human freedom. She will run a danger hard for me to recognize as real -- violent personal assault, unrestrained by men officially charged with upholding the law. When years ago I first read of German Brown Shirt hoodlums beating up Jews without police interference I felt a sickness beyond expressing. I know now that such trial has come to us.

Most of the citizens of America will support you, Mr. Kennedy, if as our chief law enforcement officer you act now and vigorously to stop the spread of violence. Somehow, in some way you must.

Sincerely yours,

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