

to provide jobs in Baltimore's inner city. Recognizing that this was a job for an individual rather than a committee, we solicited and obtained the full-time services of a top Westinghouse executive to head a tripartite committee. The idea was that the industrialist, through State government, City government and private industry, would mobilize all resources to provide jobs in the ghetto. This program has attracted wide support among the media and has already provided over 750 jobs. It is expected that as many as 5000 jobs will be provided in the near future.

An effort has been made to give responsible Negro leadership a major role in alleviating the outbursts of violence. I feel very strongly that we should stop the traditional process of dealing with the most militant and least responsible leadership simply because they have paused in their violence to talk for a while. If we respond to such pressures we are only dignifying these people in the eyes of the masses and cutting the legs out from under the real talent — Wilkins, Young, etc.

Your suggestion that the Republican Governors in industrial areas with significant Negro population meet quickly to evolve a series of positive steps is not only a good one but a necessary one. I will make myself available for such a meeting on short notice.

In conclusion, I would point out that we have a formidable problem in trying to get the news media to see the harm that sensationalism produces. The Detroit press reacted very poorly and dramatized isolated instances of the lack of police and guard restraint. Perhaps we must make some sort of united appeal to the communications ownership. I recognize that this is a very, very delicate matter but it certainly should come under discussion. I enclose a copy of Art Buchwald's column that illustrates some of the problems better than I could.

Kind personal regards.

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