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Johnson Plea Backed By Dr. King's Father

WASHINGTON, April 6 (Reuters)—The Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. sent a telegram to President Johnson today backing his plea for an end to racial violence.

"Please know that I join you in your plea to American citizens to desist from violence and permit the cause of nonviolence for which my son died not be in vain," the slain civil rights leader's father said.

His telegram was received at the White House while Mr. Johnson was conferring with Negro leaders and Government officials.

The ailing Mr. King, who lives in Atlanta, was invited to attend the meeting, but his doctors advised him not to do so.