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<i>John Lewis</i>: Along the way we have been saying for a long time that we are involved in a revolution.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: I'm not sure whether we are involved or not.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: I tried to suggest on Thursday, not Thursday but on Friday, we are on the threshold of this revolution.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: We are laying the ground work for this revolution.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: What I tried to say in a way of symbols, on August 28th that the time might come, and I'm very serious about this,

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<i>John Lewis</i>: that we might not confine our margin in the form of a mass get together on Washington.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: But we might just be forced to march through the South, through the heart of Dixie, the way Sherman did.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: I think we should pursue our own...scorched earth policy

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<i>John Lewis</i>: and burn Jim Crowe to the ground in a non-violent fashion.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: We shall fragment the South into a thousand pieces

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<i>John Lewis</i>: and put them back together in an image of democracy.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: I think we have something of an obligation to do no less.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: In the upper South, if you want to call it the so-called progressive South,

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<i>John Lewis</i>: I think all of us, all of the students and young people from the upper South of this so-called liberal image.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: Cities like Atlanta, cities like Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga,

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<i>John Lewis</i>: cities throughout the state of North Carolina.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: We must somehow once again get into the streets and stay into the streets until the sagging walls of segregation come crumbling down.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: I think we must do this.

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<i>John Lewis</i>: But in the deeper South. In the blight dust areas of Alabama,

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<i>John Lewis</i>: in the Delta or Mississippi, in Southwest Georgia, and Eastern Arkansas

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<i>John Lewis</i>: we must continue a policy of political agitation, of voter registration;

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<i>John Lewis</i>: for in these areas, this is direct action.



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