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The Editor  
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for the wonderful manner in which you report the national news so accurately and fairly. I subscribe to your paper because we do not get this type coverage here in Atlanta behind our "paper curtain."

I cannot agree with you more fully than in your editorial about our Atlanta Mayor, Ivan Allen, and his sell-out to the Atlanta negro block vote.

What is so amazing is that only a few years ago when Ivan Allen had his eyes on the Georgia governorship, he was a staunch segregationist.

When Ivan Allen ran for mayor of Atlanta, he apparently promised the negroes the parks and pools, the restaurants, and the hotels and motels. He not only is trying to live up to this, but he says by supporting the Civil Rights Bill that he is willing to give up his rights and those of other property owners as given us under the Constitution.

Most Atlanta white citizens who are so disgusted by his actions feel that he has ruined himself politically, but that some Federal appointment must surely await him. His statement before the Senate Commerce Committee sounded almost as if Bobby Kennedy had written it himself.

Sincerely yours,

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