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To Dan Smart

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
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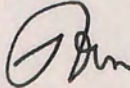
Dear Ivan:

We had an extremely successful meeting with the President-elect today. We were scheduled to spend an hour with him and he kept us for an hour and a half.

Mr. Nixon said that at the appropriate time he would like to have a meeting in the White House which would mobilize business support for the Coalition. He also said that he would like to have us meet with the Cabinet members who make up his new Urban Affairs Council. And he asked Arthur Flemming and myself to give our advice to Pat Moynihan on the organization of the Urban Affairs Council.

The President-elect listened attentively to what we had to say and repeatedly expressed his cordial interest in working with us. He referred to the Coalition as "the key organization in the private sector," and also said it was the first organizational group that he had met with since his election.

Sincerely,



John W. Gardner
Chairman