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August 4, 1967.

Hon. Herbert T. Jenkins,  
Chief of Police,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Chief:-

We are receiving from merchants in the downtown shopping area complaints about the ever-increasing activities of criminals, both inside and outside the stores. Some of these merchants have told us they feel that the presence of uniformed police patrolling these areas would act as a deterrent in the activities of shoplifters, flim flam artists, till tappers, etc.

At a meeting of our Executive Committee on yesterday we were requested to write you to ask if it would be possible to put some uniformed men on patrol in the downtown shopping areas.

Our Committee feels this would be most helpful against the continued advance of law violators, and any assistance your Department can render along this line will be most appreciated by our members.

Cordially yours,  
ATLANTA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION

H. Eston Reagan, Executive Vice-President.

Copy to:  
Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor,  
City of Atlanta,  
Atlanta, Georgia.