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Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta

Dear Sir;

Your statement about the majority of the voters of The State of Georgia, since we are the ones to nominate MR. Lester Maddox, are most irrational for a person holding your high elected office. Such rantings are usually connected with such organizations as S. N. C. C. I am sure all voters, Negro and White, will see how savage a public servant can be when big things do not always go his or her way.

MR. Mayor, I am not a resident of The City of Atlanta and hope that if I am ever it will not be under a mayor of such narrow minded disregard for the people of Georgia. I feel you have presented a very true picture of the present liberal politician in the South today. It was not a very big picture but the people of Georgia have very sharp eyes. I am sure that to disregard the dignity of your office in public will educate the people of Georgia to any liberal or moderate views.

As a citizen of Georgia I have been highly insulted by your statement over the news media concerning the nomination of MR. Maddox and I demand a public apology and retraction of your statement over the same news media.

Sincerely,  
Joe C. Lockwood  
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Austell, Ga.