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The Honorable Mayor, Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor:

No one can synpathize with you more than the people of the great
State of Alabama (more commonly known as L. B. J's whipping boy). We
know, better than any one else, what you are up against with these race
riots. Yes, what you have recently experienced, in Atlanta, is an ugly
race riot that no amount of managed publicity can transform into a piec-
ful demonstration. It was an ugly, violent, defiance of the law by an
unruly mob of aggitators and misguided scum, yet, according to the news
media you excused it and apologized for them by saying and I quote" That
all of this is brought on by cities not growing properly. I guess we've
got to build better cities. We've got to improve opportunites and educ-
ation for all of our people". Even though you was insulted physically
and verbally abused you assured this mob that the law was present to pro-
tect them not the innocent law abiding citizens who need and are entitled
to protection from that mob of scum, dope addicts, beatniks and unruly
communist.

As long as you and other elected officials, throughout this Great
Land, don't have what it takes to stand up and be counted and stamp out
the Stokley Carmichael's and the like, this mob violence is bound to get
worse. So, why don't you quit appeasing, apologizing and making excuses
and take an honorable stand for your GREAT STATE and your GREAT CITY. Let
it be known that these L. B. J. sanction punks cannot come into your city
and insight a riot and get away with it. Let it be known, by action, not
by words that they will be dealt with very quickly and very firmly. Have
you got what it takes to stand up and be counted? Once your city heads
down that road of lawliness and violence you will find it to be four times
as far back up as it was down. Action is the answer.

Respectfully yours,

Stancil King

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