

2643 Humphries Street  
East Point, Georgia

October 4, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Mayor:

On Thursday evening, September 29, 1966, the Atlanta Journal printed on page two an article attributed to you regarding the election of Lester Maddox as the Democratic nominee for Governor.

As a private citizen and elected public official, you are entitled to your opinion but I must take exception to both your attitude and published statement.

On September 28, 1966, I exercised my constitutional right as a citizen and voted in the run-off election. You have now intimated that I am either ignorant, prejudiced, a reactionary or a Republican. I am none of these, and I have taken your choice of words to be a personal insult to my judgment and freedom to vote as I see fit.

It appears to me that a written apology is in order unless you can substantiate your allegations with more than an opinion.

I anxiously await your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Walla McDaniel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walla McDaniel