

Hon. Ivan Allen, Mayor,
Atlanta, Ga.

Hon. sir: This is a personal expression of admiration by my wife & I to you for your courageous & practical handling of the recent disreputable disorders in your city, and your having the fortitude to jail the persons, who, in our opinion, is guilty of nothing short of insurrection.

We deplore the inactivity, complacency, and plain lack of courage of public officials throughout the nation in their handling of these disorders & hope your example will give guidance to other officials, including those in Washington, D.C., how to bring about tranquility in this nation so that we all will, again, be safe on our streets & in our homes.

I feel some optimism about the way the people I know in Portland are awakening to this horrible menace who formerly were apathetic through ignorance.

Respectfully yours,

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