Goucher College
Towson 4, Maryland
February 7, 1963

Mr. Ivan Allen Mayor of Atlanta Atlanta City Hall 68 Mitchell Street, S.W. Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am an Atlanta student attending Goucher College majoring in political science. In relationship to a course I am taking in state and local government I am writing a paper on the Peyton Road barricade. I am very much interested in your opinion concerning this situation. What were the reasons for your action and why do you consider that the city has the right to errect barricades? What effect do you think the national attention on this issue will have on Atlanta's future racial problems and solutions and on future Atlanta business? What effect do you think this issue has had on your political influence?

I have been very proud of Atlanta in her racial relations and hope the rest of the South will follow our good example. My father who is general manager of Seydell Woolley and Company has spoken so often of the wonderful fishing trips that you had, so that I feel as though I know you too.

My paper has to be turned in by March 8, 1963, so, unfortunately I have a time limit. I am enclosing a self-stamped envelope for your convenience. Thank you so much for all your help.

Sincerely yours,

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