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Mayor Ivan Allen
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Dear Mayor Allen:

You've been having your hands full lately (don't you always) but have some satisfaction from knowing that some of your fellow Atlantans around the country are mighty proud of the way you've handled recent TV interviews. And, frankly, I'm not at all convinced that Mr. Carmichael's performance has done anything more or less than to focus attention on just how well Atlanta has handled the problems common to all cities, north and south.

Certainly the incidents have been uncalled for and granted, the N.Y. Times and Wall Street Journal have had their fun in their smugness, but I can tell you something firsthand. In my travels around the country this past year since being transferred to NY (McGraw-Hill Publishing) I've heard nothing but praise and wonderment about Atlanta. I don't mean just regarding the race situation, I mean on a broad range there is an increasing recognition that Atlanta just has to be a darn fine place to live and earn a satisfying and rewarding living.

As one with deep roots in Atlanta, and a plan to return one day, it is gratifying indeed to see the mayor lead as you have.

Kindest personal regards,



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