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President and Members of the
Atlanta Board of Aldermen, and
Department Heads of the
City of Atlanta

Survey Report of the Public Administration Service

Gentlemen:

In his Annual Message to the Board of Aldermen on January 6, 1947, Mayor Emeritus William B. Hartsfield outlined many changes needed to improve the functioning of Atlanta's city government. That was nineteen years ago, and while Atlanta has grown and prospered far beyond our greatest dreams, its city government has experienced little basic change. In fact, the basic concept of its governmental structure has undergone far less alteration than many would imagine since the present City Charter was adopted in 1874.

With the assistance of federal funds to help finance a comprehensive study of our total governmental operation, we embarked on such a course in 1963. The Survey Report by the Public Administration Service, contracted for in May, 1965, and enclosed herewith, is the first of several studies covering our past, present and future needs. Also enclosed is the Community Improvement Program Staff Report.

This Report details our deficiencies and prescribes changes to correct these. I concur with these findings in principle and substance. A copy of this Report is being forwarded to each member of the Board of Aldermen and to each Department Head. I am asking that each person give studied consideration to the complete Report and to the effect that its implementation would have on his particular area of operations.

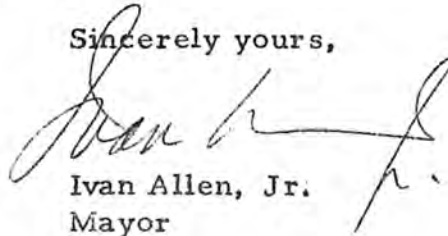
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While the deficiencies cited therein did not come about over night, but are in fact a ninety-two year accumulation, I believe that time is running out and that we must move expeditiously to implement many of these recommendations.

I propose that a Governmental Study Commission be created to develop a timetable of action, and I seek your thoughts on the composition of this Commission, which should consist of adequate representation from the Board of Aldermen and from the citizens of Atlanta.

I will greatly appreciate your response,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ivan Allen, Jr.", written in dark ink.

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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Enclosure