

Davidson College  
Davidson, North Carolina

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Ivan:

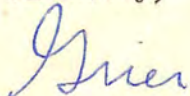
We displaced Georgians have been proud of your performance in the very trying time through which you have gone recently. I have watched from a distance the exceptional service you have rendered to the great City of Atlanta all through the years and have always had a feeling of pride in the accomplishments which you and your associates have made possible in the city which meant so much to us for a few years while we lived there, and has continued to mean much to us all through the years.

I had the pleasure of making the Commencement address at Georgia State College last spring and I spoke on "The Importance of the Moderate in Society." I hope that you did not object to the fact that I used you as an example of a moderate who had made possible the growth and development of the City of Atlanta in the way it has developed under your leadership.

It would give me a lot of pleasure to have you speak to our student body at Davidson should you ever have an opportunity to come to the Charlotte area.

You have our best wishes for a successful resolution of the problems which you have been facing recently and our deep admiration for your courage and wisdom.

Sincerely,



D. Grier Martin

The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia