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Mr. Ivan Allen Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia.

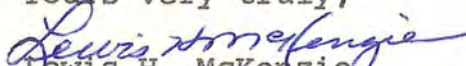
Dear Mr. Allen:

Your action before the Senate Committee investigating the Kennedy Civil Right Package prompts me to write my first letter of protest. I am not a member of any Citizen's Council, KKK or other segregation organization. I have actively supported Ernest Vandiver, Carl Sanders and others that stood for a moderate approach to the racial question in the State of Georgia. Never-the-less it is appalling to me that a successful business man, native Georgian, and Mayor of our largest city could go before a nationwide audience and completely contradict the views of such distinguished Georgians as Senator Russell, Congressman Weltner and Governor Sanders, who are conducting the fight for our economic existence.

I respect your right to your opinion but as an independent business man I must protest your public stand on this issue. So far at least, as a business man, I am not compelled to do business with your company and I am today instructing the Atlanta and the Macon offices of the Ivan Allen Company to remove my firm from their list of charge customers.

I sincerely hope for the best interest of Georgia that the people of the City of Atlanta can secure in the future leadership that will continue to support some moderate principles without a complete sell out to the super-liberals who would eventually destroy one of our country's basis freedoms - freedom of association.

Yours very truly,


Lewis H. McKenzie

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