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Honorable Dick Lane
The House of Representatives
2704 Humphries Street
East Point, Georgia

Dear Dick:

Thank you for your kind letter of October 23rd.

As stated in my talk the other evening, I feel that Atlanta is entitled to the right and opportunity of normal growth and expansion; this includes taking into consideration the needs and desires of the other governments in the area.

I am not familiar at the present time with the Commission's report on the merger of the school systems of Atlanta and Fulton County. I would think, however, that people in Atlanta, who, within themselves, constitute nearly 80% of the people of Fulton County, should have the same right as the other 20% of the citizens of Fulton County.

It is my hope that in the near future a meeting of the county commissioners and representatives of city government could be held in order that necessary steps could be planned to provide for a detailed professional study of both the needs and the beneficial results of a metropolitan government. Until this is done factually, I am afraid all of us will be limited in the information we can furnish in regards to the questions you raised.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.

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