1196 Converse Drive, N.E. Atlanta 5, Georgia July 26, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. City Hall Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I am a student at the University of Chicago and I also visit frequently in New York City. Away from home, I often meet people very interested in the racial situation in the South. I am never a shamed to say I am from Atlanta and I am able to compare Atlanta's progress in social justice favorably with most northern cities. I am proud that the names Hartsfield and McGill are those most often associated with Atlanta by non southerners.

Your brilliant testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee today will add still more to our city's lustre. Your contribution to the cause of human rights was inestimable and I am certain it will earn you national esteem equal to other great Atlantans. For myself I am enormously pleased that you chose to commit yourself so unequivocally on this important issue.

Under your leadership, Atlanta's future is bright.

Yours respectfully,

Daniel R. Gross