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Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor.

All of those who refused to stand up and fight, are now praising you . Which shows that those who do show strength and stand up for the rights of the people, are the respected ones. When I read the congratulatory message to you, from our U.S. Vice President, I remembered a short while ago, when he said, "I do not blame them (the demonstrators, I would do it myself)"

I received a letter from our U.S. Senator, Richard B. Russell, in answer to a letter which I had written him, in which he stated, I quote, " I made the longest fight in the history of the Senate against the 1964 Federal Force bill and I predicted at that time that it was impossible to satisfy those the bill was supposed to benefit. Unhappily, my predictions have been more than borne out. The vostrs in other sections of the country, have continued to increase the self-styled "liberals" in the congress, who will vote for any program no matter how fantastic, catering to the whims and demands of the minority groups, and the odds are heavy against those few of us who seek to preserve Constitutional Government. I can, however, assure you that we will fight this vicious bill with every means at our command."

The Senator had reference to the housing bill, about which I had written him.

Mayor, in only a short while, our yards and our homes would become the scenes of what happened in S.E. Atlanta.

Let me say, " We are proud of our Mayor. Proud of someone who has the strength to fight, and who is not afraid to use it.

*Mrs. E. S.*