September 28, 1966

Mr. Paul Anthony
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council
5 Forsyth Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anthony and Colleagues:

Thank you for your letter of September 9, and for your offer of assistance to the City of Atlanta. We are grateful for the leadership which has been provided by many persons, both professional and lay, associated with the agencies which you serve.

We fully acknowledge the existence of many conditions which must be changed if our city is to become the place which I believe we all hope for. We count upon your continued interest and the support of your agencies in developing programs to help us meet both the short and long run problems which face us.

Although it is not possible to arrange a meeting with your group immediately, I appreciate your willingness, both as individuals and collectively,

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to offer advice and assistance and I assure you that we will be calling upon you.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr. Mayor

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Mrs. Ruby Hurley
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Miss Constance Curry American Friends Service Committee

Mr. Don McEvoy National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.

The Rev. Oscar McCloud United Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

The Rev. John Morris
Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity

Mr. Charles F. Wittenstein American Jewish Committee Mr. Anthony Page Three September 28, 1966

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Mr. Junius Griffin Southern Christian Leadership Conference

Mr. Jody Palmour Southern Student Organizing Committee

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