

511 Club Lane 40207 September 11, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. Mayor of Atlanta Atlanta, Ga.

Sir: This is to congratulate you most heartily for taking a firm stand against the infamous West, Indian, Stokely Carmichael. The freedom that such as/are being allowed to wreck our nation is beyond comprehension.

However, I am shocked that you favor "even a stronger open housing bill" than it is in its present form. This is unquestionably a measure that will eliminate freedom of choice for all, even you. This also, will NOT stop riots such as have just had. Neither integration, open housing, nor any of the things this movement ostensibly pursues is the real goal behind it all.

You must know that they are asking for the IMPOSSIBLE, and they are all intelligent enough to know this. The real goal is REVOLUTION. This should be clear for all who have eyes to see and ears to hear.

Hundreds of thousands of people, white people, live in the same squalor that thousands of Negroes live in. But it has never entered their minds that riots and destruction of property was the way to obtain better living conditions! After all, PEOPLE MAKE THEIR OWN ENVIRONMENT. These living conditions did NOT come already equipped with filth, vermin and squalor. PEOPLE MAKE SLUMS.

You have made a courageous stand for which people across the nation will admire and applaud you. Please do not now fall into the "liberal" cliches, that after, they really DID have an excuse for their anarchy! There is NO excuse for this conduct.

I know you are a busy man, but I beg of you to take time to read the enclosed. It will be of help to you.

Most sincerely

Mrs. Selby V. Love