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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

Please permit me to congratulate you on your courage in ordering the institution of action against the persons responsible for inciting the recent rioting in your city. Your action is a very welcome contrast to the political cowards in other states and cities in our country.

There are many millions of your countrymen who were as thrilled as I was when I read about your action. I do hope that you will carry this matter through and not be deflected from your course by pressure from Washington and other pussyfooting areas. The decent Americans of our country are fed up with the disrespect shown for law and order throughout our country, not only by the violators but by courts and officials who are supposed to uphold the law.

I would suggest you ignore the stupid item in The Wall Street Journal of September 9th. Because of your action the City of Atlanta, Georgia has gained in stature and respect what too many American cities have forfeited due to lack of law enforcement by political minded officials. Let us hope your courageous action will be a turning point and cause other responsible officials to follow in the course you have blazed.

I am an old man and perhaps I may again some day be proud of my country rather than the present opposite. With respect and best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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