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Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
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City Hall
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Dear Ivan:

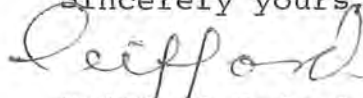
It seems I am always writing you and I hope you will not feel obligated in any way to reply to this letter, as I know how busy you are.

However, I wanted to commend you highly for your conduct in reference to the SNCC inspired race riot which occurred on Tuesday, September 6. Your actions were courageous and commendable in every sense. Above all, you demonstrated clearly that there was no police brutality and no substance for any such charge in Atlanta. I hope that by your actions you curbed the appetite of this wild and undisciplined group to continue their activities in Atlanta.

We do not need that type and they should be discouraged with whatever force is necessary. I am confident that the great majority of colored people in Atlanta do not want these riots and they need police protection even more than the white people do.

Your presence insured a better image for Atlanta, and it was a dangerous but fine thing for you to do.

Sincerely yours,


Clifford Oxford

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