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Gentlemen:

Atlanta has been abused and misrepresented so badly in recent days that you are to be commended for your report of January 18. Your summary was about as accurate and well balanced as such a short dispatch could be. The action of the city in abandoning a section of these streets (legally, the streets were not closed, but irrevocably abandoned) was unfortunate, but seemed to be necessary under the circumstances.

As you know, Atlanta is not only one of the world's most progressive cities, but has an enlightened and courageous administration. Our mayor and board of aldermen have not done the popular or politically expedient thing in this situation, but they have acted with courage according to the dictates of their conscience. If everyone involved can simply see this, the problems will soon be worked out.

Thank you again for your understanding.

Most sincerely,

DuFree Jordan, Jr.

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

