

Greensboro, Ga.
Sept. 30, 1966

Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Ga.

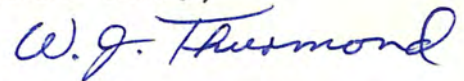
Dear Sir:

I believe you owe an apology to Governor-nominee Lester Maddox and the several hundred thousand Georgians who voted for him. Your post election statement with its intemperate, contemptible, and slurring remarks was deplorable and certainly lacking in wisdom, justice, or moderation.

The fact that this reckless statement was carried on nationwide television is a blot on the good name of the City of Atlanta.

It would have been far better to have suppressed your apparent bitter feeling of resentment that another Atlantan would beat you to the governor's mansion.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "W. J. Thurmond". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "W" and "J".

W. J. Thurmond