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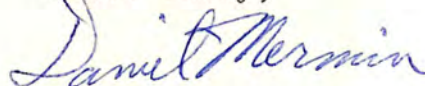
Mayor Ivan Allen
Atlanta City Hall
68 Mitchell Street S.W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I am writing to commend you for your forthright and courageous stand on the President's civil rights legislation. At long last, moderate white Southerners have found a spokesman who is willing to risk being unpopular with some in order that he may follow the dictates of his conscience.

There is no doubt in my mind that you will be condemned by some people for the stand you have taken. But at the same time, I want you to know that there are some of us who are terribly proud that it was the Mayor of Atlanta who ventured to stick his neck out for the cause of racial justice. You have done this city and this country a great service, and I for one will long remember you for it.

Yours truly,



Daniel Mermin