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Mr. Mayor:

I notice you testified in Washington for the entire Civil Rights program. This is your privilege; but I do not think you represented the general thinking of the City of Atlanta and certainly not the State of Georgia. The trend is that the Mayor, and other City officials for that matter, must definitely cater to the negro vote to hold their jobs; for the simple reason that the negro is going to control the Cities. This will probably be good for the State. Most of the white voters are leaving the Cities. The negroes that are not going North are going into the Cities. I travel around quite a little and I find the people are rather disgusted with their Capitol City. This should cause considerable development of residential sections outside of the Cities; and business, particularly services and retail, will follow. I look for considerable development of small towns in Georgia. Rural Georgia, will stop coming to Atlanta for recreation and trade, and perhaps develop their own. They will make their money in the Cities, since the Government and big business is there, but they will spend it elsewhere.

I find this quite true in other States, particularly in the Piedmont of South Carolina. This may be the best thing that has happened to us so far; it may be good.

In our own city the good solid home owning people are moving out; most of which are city tax payers and voters. They are being replaced by cliff dwellers in high rise apartments; most of whom are transient; pay very little city taxes, I understand, and I doubt if consistent voters. I also notice a trend for motels moving into the City; all of whom are non tax payers and non voters. Why do you suppose Lenox, Belvedere, and others moved so far out; except to get nearer to these home owners moving out of the City. Of course, the City will try to force their way in on them; but this will take time, as well as other things will take time and lots of it.

So, it is quite interesting just to sit on the side line and watch this Chess Game, with high stakes; with all the Kings, Queens, Bishops and pawns, and try to figure the next Man's move.

So be it.

Yours truly

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