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The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta  
Georgia

Dear Ivan:

In the events of last evening, Atlanta joined its several sister cities which have been scarred this summer by violent, race-related demonstrations but its experience was greatly mitigated by your forthright action and true heroism in meeting those events. I must convey my sincerest admiration for your personal bravery in assuming direct responsibility on the scene and in exposing yourself to the very real threat of personal injury. Even more so, I must express my appreciation as a citizen — and I am sure it is shared by most Atlanta citizens of both races — for your devotion to the principles of community brotherhood and order which have so long been characteristic of our city and its government.

Please be assured of my continued confidence and support in your efforts to deal effectively with our city's problems in race relations and elsewhere (such as our Fire Department situation!). Again, I believe I speak the feeling of many of my fellow citizens in voicing my approval of your policies and actions toward furthering the progress of Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", written over a large, light-colored scribble or flourish.

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