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Mayor IVAN ALLEN  
CITY HALL of  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Dear Mayor Allen:

...And Good Morning!

While the Yankees get the faster (150 to 183 m.p.h.) trains, and get into the jet-age of rail road passenger trains, we here in the south have to settle for a depleting policy of passenger railroad trains as the malnutriciously anemic skeleton services catering to the Georgians and the Atlantans.

In one decade we have had a remarkable doubling and more of our population here in Atlanta, but, in retrospective viewing, we see the shameful fact that the rail services serving a population multiplying city as ours, has lost the majority of its passenger trains. In the last three and half years alone, we have lost Pullman Service to St. Louis, Cincinnati, Mobile, New Orleans, Jacksonville, and to Brunswick, Memphis, Kansas City, Portsmouth, Norfolk, and to Birmingham (departed, once, late, and set out early); and, there is the now-dead service to Charleston and Wilmington.

Let's whip the North in something -- how about a new railroad station, for a starter, then over-nite Sleeper trains to Jacksonville, and the other city destinations mentioned above.

Sure, we need air service, but we also need railroad long-haul and medium =haul rail service.

Mayor, what can you do to improve our image in front of the other 49 States and the thousands of other cities in the United States? After all, we are a large, important city -- in a very important State".

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