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Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor City of Atlanta City Hall Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen:

It is indeed unfortunate that the only measure of exemplifying appreciation to a person in your capacity is at the voting polls. If ever an individual deserved national recognition for gallantry and actions far beyond the call of duty, in my opinion, you would be entitled to this recognition.

Having maintained a First Aid Station in the riot areas both on Capitol Avenue and Boulevard, I saw first handed the raw courage and absolute determination and intestinal fortitude that you possess. There is little doubt in my mind that your actions avoided a great conflict, and the people of this community as well as those of our neighboring areas should be grateful to you. I am privileged and honored to be able to state that you are 'our Mayor'.

With kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

Arthur M. Kaplan

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