

First Methodist Church

1630 HINMAN AVENUE
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

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Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Though we now find ourselves living on the North Shore of Lake Michigan, we keep in close contact with Atlanta through the daily Atlanta Constitution. Also, we have been privileged to have two months this summer at our mountain cabin near Dahlonega, Georgia; so we have met and talked with many of our friends in and around Atlanta.

I want you to know again how grateful I am for the leadership you are giving in Atlanta and so many areas. I understand that through your recent testimony on the Kennedy Civil Rights legislation there is extra turbulence in your life. Let me say, however, that the whole nation is grateful - and more of the South than you may realize - for your forthright honesty.

Don't let the difficulty of witness ever cause your spirits to flag! Being right is the only reward we ought to desire. I am sure this is satisfaction enough for you.

Sincerely,



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