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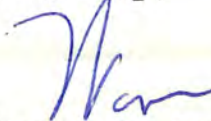
The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Since I started voting in 1944, I have voted about as many times for Democrats as I have for Republicans. So, I don't think that anybody could say I am prejudiced either way.

Your statement regarding Lester Maddox was a wonderful statement. It is really a great thing to have the leader of the city in which you live to stand up and say what he thinks instead of, as so many of our political people have to do, making weak, vacillating statements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Warren', written over the typed name.

Warren S. Griffin

WSG/jj

Barnesville, Georgia
October 3rd 1966

Honorable J. W. Allen

Mayor of the City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen,

Thank God for
an honest Democrat in Atlanta,
Georgia.

I know John Fitzgerald
Kennedy would be proud of you.
I'm sure Mr. Johnson is.

It reminds me of
my grandfather, a lawyer of
truth, integrity and consistency.

He was sixteen when the war between the States broke out but served as a Courier. He thought the South was wrong and that Abraham Lincoln was the greatest man that ever lived.

When Lower County was created he was against it because even then he thought Georgia had too many counties.

In his later years after serving in the Senate and Legislature he was City Judge. He wouldn't allow officers to jerk up a negro, give him, (I keep it themselves) and let a white man walk

the streets drunk.

I have been raised with well educated, honest, capable people. I can't see taking dictation from two Georgia Senators representing a state in Washington in which one out of every four adults can't read the Bible.

God will take care of you & your lovely, refused wife in this ignorant world.

My deepest gratitude for your unexcelled, consistent service as Mayor of Georgia's Capital City.

(over)

Sincerely,
Geo. C. Smith

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letter. I have had a nervous breakdown
and have a very sick husband.

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Mr. Ivan Allen, Mayor
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Atlanta, Georgia

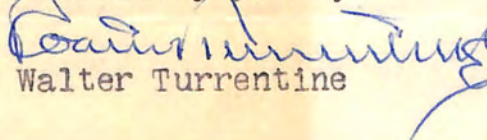
Dear Mayor Allen:

It is, indeed, heartening to know that you have the wonderful fortitude to express your true convictions, irrespective of political entanglements. I am writing you now to express to you my congratulations and my appreciations. You deserve everything that is good in life for being the fine man and leader which Atlanta and the entire nation should consider a blessing to the welfare of mankind.

I've been a Democrat all of my life (since June 18, 1901) but in November, I shall cast my vote for Bo Callaway. I consider it to be the only respectable course I am privileged to take.

In all sincerity, may God bless you and give you continued strength to carry on the great job of Mayor of our beloved city.

Cordially yours,


Walter Turrentine

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P. S. My wife and I appreciate you all the more for being our Mayor because of our schools. You see, I have a "second crop" - two wonderful, little daughters 8 and 10 - same ages of my grandchildren! As for myself, I, like many of my old friends, am at the retirement age - 65. However, I must carry on with my "second wind" - and it is very dear to my heart to cherish the ambition of seeing my daughters grow up and enjoy their education.

Apt. 16
1766 N. Decatur Rd., N.E.
Atlanta, Ga. 30307
October 3, 1966

Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City Hall
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am a law student at Emory and have met you on several occasions in connection with my friendship with your son Inman.

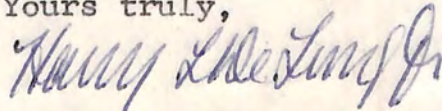
I seldom write letters to public officials, but at this time when events have been so discouraging for our city and state, I feel a duty to extend my support to you and express my confidence in your leadership.

My wife and I were visiting in New York City during the first two weeks in September. As the news of the Summerhill and Boulevard disturbances unfolded, your initiative and courage were not only reassuring but made me very proud to be able to say that I was an Atlantan.

I further believe that the nomination of Lester Maddox not only justified your subsequent statement but demanded it. It is a sad commentary on the leadership of our state that you alone had the integrity to denounce this most dangerous man.

The withdrawal of Congressman Weltner has raised the suggestion that you may seek election to this seat. In any capacity in which you decide to serve our city, my wife Jane and I extend to you our greatest respect and our willingness to contribute to your work in any way in which we are able.

Yours truly,



Harry L. DeLung, Jr.

October 2, 1966

Dear Ms Allen,

Several times in the last few weeks many Georgians have had the opportunity to be very proud of the mayor of Atlanta. I am one of those Georgians.

Your conduct throughout the "Snick" inspired upheaval was most admirable. It was a prime example of sanity, wisdom, and sheer courage being applied to a dangerous situation.

Another dangerous situation arose on September 28th portending far more violence and grief than a few nights of riots. Of all our leaders, only one seemed to have the courage to call a spade a spade. Your statement to Georgia and the nation expressed what I hope is the feeling of the majority of the people of this state.

The insipient statement, "I will support the nominee", is as dangerous as it is laughable. I can see no justifiable reason to support Lester Maddox. Nor will I be stampeded to the camp of another immoderate.

There's a lot of talk over here of "going fishing with Mayor Allen on Nov. 8." I'd prefer a write-in effort on behalf of someone. Then we could really go fishing, or play golf, or enjoy the stadium with a clear conscience for the next four years.

Thank you again,

Sincerely,

Philip C. Smith
Athens, Georgia

1147 Wild Creek Trail, NE.

Atlanta, Ga. 30324

Oct. 3, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen,

From a very ordinary citizen comes a letter of admiration for the way you refused to go along with all the others with the nomination of Lester Maddox. When you were praised for your courageous action during the recent riots, you were spoken of as the mayor with "guts." If anyone had any doubts about the amount of "guts" you possessed, he should have none left now. For, to me, it took more courage to denounce this man than to stand on top of a car and face the unruly mob (no small trick, *in ITSELF*, mind you). But, here, you did not go along with the BIG BOYS. When it came your turn, you stood up and said, "No Thanks, I'm not having any."

This must be a bitter pill for you to swallow. I'm sure you have worked so hard to bring Atlanta up to the high standard and reputation she now enjoys. I, too, believe that Georgia will take a giant step backward, and what a shame! She has so much going for her. I feel a great many people are looking to you for some kind of leadership right now. If you "go fishing" on Election Day, you can bet that lake is going to be very crowded with fellow fishermen. All democrats who now stand adrift, betwixt and between, need you to show them the way. What a challenge to lead, but, you, Sir, are the man for the job.

Most sincerely,

(Mrs) Virginia Davis

301- 10th Street, N. E.
Apartment 9
Atlanta, Georgia 30309
October 3, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

This is to tell you how much I admire you for the stand you have taken regarding the runoff in the Governor's race of September 28, 1966. You are the only man in public office in Georgia who has shown any character, integrity or courage, according to my way of thinking.

The things that have happened in Georgia since Wednesday, September 28, are nauseating to me. I have truly swapped the devil for the witch--am originally from Alabama.

Mr. Allen, I pray that you will stand firm in your convictions. If you waiver, don't think I can take it.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss) Gertrude Bishop
Gertrude Bishop

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October 3, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

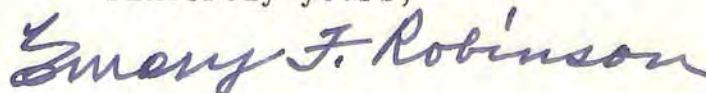
How refreshing it was to read your statement on the results of the election September 28th.! Every word of it was true and I think you analyzed the situation exactly. You are to be commended for having the courage to say it. The pity is that others in high official position in our State and National government are silent in the presence of a possible catastrophe facing Georgia.

As a Georgian I feel ashamed before the world because of what happened. As a lawyer, I shudder with overwhelming dismay at the thought that the nominee of the Democratic party might have an opportunity to appointment more than one-half of the members of the Georgia Supreme Court. Four of the seven members of the Court are more than 72 years of age, one is 75. Even the three youngest members are 62, 60 and 57 years of age respectively.

Every Georgian will need to search his own conscience between now and the General Election. As for me, if I must embrace Maddox to save the Democratic party, it is not worth saving in Georgia.

I hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting you sometime.

Sincerely yours,



Emory F. Robinson

EFR/gm

Oct. 3, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen:

I want to commend you for the manner in which you handled the recent racial riots. A less cool-headed man might have handled it differently which would have had disastrous results. However, I must be critical of your statements regarding Lester Maddox's nomination for Governor. I agree with you completely in all that you said about Mr. Maddox but I don't think a man in your position should have said it. It has helped Maddox rather than hurt him and he is strong enough without giving him any more help. The riots helped Maddox and were badly timed. I'm in sympathy with the Negro because he has been held back, but rioting and violence have left a bad taste in the mouths of white people. Some of Maddox's vote was caused by the white backlash and a lot of people voted for him thinking he would be easier for Callaway to beat than Arnall would. I think these people have outsmarted themselves and that Lester Maddox will win. Many Democrats will vote for him because he is the party nominee and he is strong in the rural areas. I think it is regrettable that Sen. Zalmadge and Gov. Sanders are

campaigning for him. He has absolutely no qualifications and I will never vote for him for any public office. He will put Georgia on the same level with Alabama & Mississippi but irresponsible voters will elect him any way.

I hope that you and the Atlanta newspapers will refrain from denouncing him as much as possible because it brings him more into the limelight and enhances his chances. After all you may have to work with him if he is elected and I predict that he will be. The Journal's endorsement of Ellis Arnall didn't help him one bit.

We can only hope and pray that there are enough thinking voters who will vote for Callaway as the best man regardless of party because Georgia deserves better than Lester Maddox.

yours very truly,
Mrs. Joan Little

Maddox for [unclear]

November 28, 1966

Eighth Grade Class
c/o Sister Agnes Pierce
St. Mark's School
1983 Dayton Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for writing me expressing your admiration for my stand against Lester Maddox. I am delighted to know that your class is so conscious of political conditions in other states.

Again thank you very much for your generous comments.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

St. Mark's School
1983 Dayton Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mayor Allen,

A group of eighth graders of St. Mark's School have been observing your just performances as Mayor of Atlanta. We have been watching in the newspapers and on television about many incidents occurring in Atlanta.

It took great courage to state your feelings against Lester Maddox's nomination. We admire your love for your fellow man.

We think you are very just and that you are doing an excellent service for Georgia and the world.

God love you,
John Engelhart
John Gaylord
Kathy Asselin
Don Gross
Suzanne Dumas
Dan Lippert
Mimi McFadden
Elizabeth Long
Michele Bertly
Debbie Probst
Jerry Cullen
Dolores Zastrow
Ann Beckley
Mark Courtney
Ruth Borden
Jim Bishop
Patti Weber
Mary Cummings
Lynn Doelle
Cindy Harman
Stephen Sebesta
George Funkhouser
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Bill O'Connor
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Rita Lloyd
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Kathy O'Hara
Mike Proulx
Bob Ryan
Ed Saranto
Peggy Tozer
Cindy Wheeler
Tom White
Mark Swanson
Sister Agnes Pierce

New N.Y. Paper Rates as Great

By HUGH RUSSELL FRASER

New York's new newspaper—The World Journal Tribune—is a lively, interesting, extremely informative sheet.

While the makeup leans to that of the old World-Telegram, it does not duplicate it. Some of the format suggests the former Herald-Tribune. Anyway, the effect is dramatic. Nothing, except sheer lack of news, can more effectively kill a newspaper than a dull makeup. W-J-T, in this category, is tops.

NUMEROUS FIRSTS

It is also tops in many other ways. Enumerating some of these—and all are earmarks of a great newspaper—the following are obvious:

(1) Advertising is kept in its proper place. The first page of the second section is clear of advertising. The first page of the third section is clear of advertising. The first page of the fourth section is clear of advertising. Yet the paper as a whole is full of advertising.

(2) There is ample coverage of national and international news.

(3) The page opposite the editorial page is also kept free of advertising. Here, and on the editorial page itself, are some of the top columnists in the nation—a total of nine at present. True, it doesn't have all of them. It doesn't have Joseph Kraft or Doris Fleeson. But it has enough of them that the Justice department is crying "Monopoly!" The present anti-trust suit against the World Journal Tribune is based on just this contention. Dorothy Schiff, New York Post publisher—the new paper's one evening rival—claims she tried her best to get some of them but couldn't. However this may be, the W-J-T has two solid pages of lively and provocative editorial matter.

DAILY BOOK REVIEW

(4) It has a daily book review, without which no metropolitan newspaper can claim to be a great newspaper. Books are news. And the World Journal Tribune recognizes the fact. Moreover, in this respect it has something unique—something that no other daily newspaper in America can boast. Its listing of "Books Out Today," which is broken down into "Non-Fiction" and "Fiction," is printed in large, clear type! No relegation to hard-to-read six-point or agate type.

This is clearly a first in American journalism and reports from Fourth Avenue say it has book readers cheering in the streets!

(5) The new paper has significant coverage of art, music, the dance, the theater, photography, ballet, motion pictures, night clubs and—of course—radio and TV. No major cultural activity is overlooked. The coverage is more complete than any of its three predecessors.

2 TOPS IN SPORTS

(6) The sports section, with two top columnists, Red Smith and Jimmy Cannon, is probably unequaled in New York. Key statistics, like baseball standings, are printed in large, clear type, nor are "Yesterday's Results" and "Tomorrow's Games" buried in small type. A seemingly little matter, but a bench mark of a great newspaper.

(7) Most financial and business pages are factual but dull. There is drama, however, in business and finance. W-J-T catches some of it in lively fashion. And its stock market prices are complete and readable.

THE HUMAN ANGLE

And, finally, there is the inevitable human angle. A top Page 1 columnist like Jimmy Breslin. Only New York could have produced Jimmy, just as only New York could have produced the late Heywood Broun. Whatever he writes about comes alive. You almost want to read him before you read the news. He would make even the front page of the New York Times jump up and hit you in the face. The editor was not wrong in putting him just below the masthead.

Indeed, in 20 years of commenting on comparative journalism in America, in magazines ranging from Harpers to such technical publications as The Editor, organ of the New England Newspaper Editors Association, never before has this writer seen a new newspaper, starting from scratch, catapult with its very first issue into the front rank of the world's great newspapers.

Stand up, ladies and gentlemen! A toast to New York's World Journal Tribune!

Atlanta Constitution
September 28, 1966

Lewis C. Eason, III
1191 Weston Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta
City Hall Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

My hat is off to you and your stand against the Democratic Party's nominee for Governor of Georgia. The nomination of Lester Maddox has set the Democratic Party back one hundred years. I have always been a Democrat but now I am ashamed to admit this fact in public. My wife and myself will support the Republican nominee in the November election for Governor.

I must confess that if you had come out in support of Lester Maddox, this letter would have been in just the opposite tone.

With leadership, such as you have displayed, I am able to salvage some self respect in being a resident of the Metro* Atlanta area.

Again, congratulations on such a ^{cu}courageous stand in this election.

Sincerely,

L. C. Eason III

Lewis C. Eason, III

P.S. Please excuse the typing errors; I rarely use a typewriter.

October 3 1966

Dear Mayor Allen,

I am writing simply to say that I am proud to have you as Mayor of our city.

I have always supported you, but along with many others, I don't think I realized what kind of man you were until our recent "riots". I believe that you really care about Atlanta in a very personal way.

The main reason for my writing this though is because of your stand on our "political race" held last week. Many leaders must have shared your view that it was "deplorable", yet how many said so? Only you and Congressman Weltner, who has given up a lot for his conviction.

Again, thank you for being a "strong" leader and for caring about our great city.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Guy Q. LeGrand

P.O.Box 8022
Atlanta, Ga. 30306
Sept.30, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

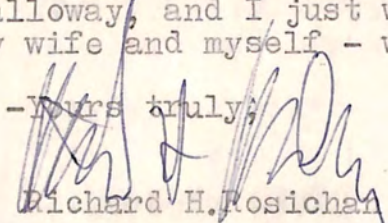
Dear Mayor Allen:

In this morning's paper I read of your horrified reaction to Lester Maddox's victory in the runoff, and I felt compelled to write you and tell you how much I share your feelings. I have never before felt such horrified disbelief coupled with such profound sadness. The contest between Maddox and Calloway is a contest between an insane racist and a sane racist, that's all. Maybe I'll go fishing on election day, too.

I've only lived in Atlanta for two years, but I think you've been doing a wonderful job as mayor, and I've been particularly delighted with your thoughtful and enlightened attitude towards racial matters. When you and other guests sang "We Shall Overcome" at the testimonial dinner for Martin Luther King, jr. after he won the Nobel Prize, I remember thinking how few northern mayors, let alone southern ones, would have the guts to do something like that. I was similarly impressed with the thoughtful and yet firm manner in which you handled the recent racial disturbances in Atlanta.

I'm certain that your intelligent and understanding outlook on racial matters will probably get you into many scraps with our next governor, be it Maddox or Calloway, and I just want you to know that here are two more Georgians - my wife and myself - who will be behind you one hundred per cent.

-Yours truly;


Richard H. Rosichan

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THE HON. IVAN ALLEN,
MAYOR OF ATLANTA
ATLANTA CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEAR SIR:

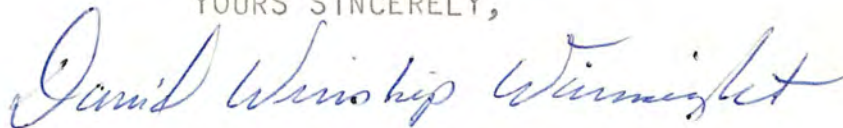
AS A NATIVE ATLANTAN, STILL WITH STRONG TIES THERE,
I WAS DESTRESSED TO READ IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES
THIS MORNING THAT YOU WERE CONSIDERING " GOING FTSHING "
ON THE NOVEMBER ELECTION DAY.

I HOPE THAT YOU, ALONG WITH ALL RESPONSIBLE TRUE
DEMOCRATS WILL SWING THEIR SUPPORT TO MR. CALLOWAY.
I WOULD FIND IT HARD MYSELF TO MARK A BALLOT IN THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY, BUT THIS IS SERIOUS..... A NO VOTE
IS THE SAME AS A YES VOTE FOR THAT OTHER MAN, WHOSE
ELECTION WOULD BE A TRAGEDY FOR ATLANTA AND ALL OF
GEORGIA.

MR. CALLOWAY, I FEEL SURE, IF ELECTED WOULD MELLOW
HIS VIEWS AND GIVE FAIR LEADERSHIP TO THE STATE.

FOR GOD'S SAKE, DON'T LET THAT CHICKEN FRYER GET
ELECTED.

YOURS SINCERELY,



DAVID WINSHIP WAINWRIGHT

DW;c

ROBERT BRUMMETT
1915 Danielsville Road
Athens, Georgia, 30601

2 October 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen,
Mayor of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Georgia

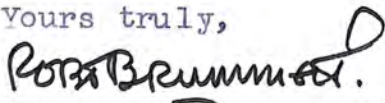

Dear Mr. Mayor:

As graduate students at the University of Georgia and "adopted" Georgians we feel compelled to write this note of appreciation and support. Your stand during the recent civil rights disturbances in Atlanta and your courageous, non-theatrical exposure of your person at the scene of the disturbances are, in our opinion, without precedent. We also have great admiration for your stand on the Maddox situation, and appreciate the difficult position your courage and integrity forces you to take.

Though a minor point, we would like to tell you that Stokeley Carmichael's public descriptions of you as "King Ivan" and "Race Czar" brought, to our personal knowledge, nothing but contempt for his ridiculous charade.

Thank you very much, Mr. Mayor. You have our support as well as our admiration.

Yours truly,

Robert and Barbara Brummett

October 1, 1966

4340 Winchester Lane
West Palm Beach, Fla.

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I was delighted to hear your statement in regard to nomination of Lester Maddox as the Democratic candidate for governor of Georgia.

I was born and raised in Atlanta, and I have lived in West Palm Beach for approximately ten years. However, I am a member of the Young Democrats of Florida and I am naturally interested in what is going on in my home town in the way of politics.

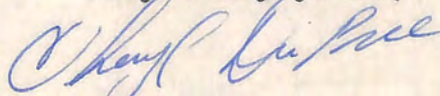
I was shocked to learn of the outcome of the Democratic primary, but your statement, which I heard on television that night was some consolation. I have to admire you for stating what you believe is right, which is more than can be said for Mr. Maddox. I am very concerned about the up-coming election. I believe that if Lester Maddox is elected governor of Georgia, it will be the greatest set-back Georgia has had.

I am an "A" student in civics and American government, and a member of the Senior class of Forest Hill High School in West Palm Beach. Being only nineteen, I am unable to vote, but, as they say: "The youth of America...".

A personal reply when you have time will be greatly appreciated. I had to tell you how much I admire you for your statement last week.

Thank you very much for your time.

Very truly yours,



Cheryl Du Free

Maye Loan Allen

Dear Mr. Editor,

I, as are many people of the state, am disturbed over the elections of September 14 and September 28 and our political leaders attitude throughout the campaigns.

I don't know which class of people I would be in, whether it would be, ignorant (which I doubt), prejudiced (which I know I'm not), a reactionary (which I am, because I react) or whether I committed the act of duplicity (which I couldn't have done, because I am neither a REPUBLICAN OR A DEMOCRAT).

I cast my first vote for Mr. Carter, because I thought, and still do, he was the best man for the office of Governor, when he did not win a place in the runoff I was plainly and simply left with the choice of the lesser of two evils. When I found myself unable to decide between either of these two men and feeling that I could not honestly and sincerely ^{support} either man for Governor, I chose to cast my ballot against both men and to support and vote for Mr. Callaway in the General Election. If this is duplicity, then I am guilty, along with hundreds of other

Georgians who did exactly the same thing; Not because we are Republicans or Democrats, but because we want the man we think is the best for the office of Governor.

The thing that upsets me and many, many others is the fact that men in whom we have had confidence and men whom we have elected as our political leaders are taking a "runaway" and "hide" attitude and that many of them are even openly advocating a "no-vote" policy for the November 8, elections.

To me, my vote is one of the most valuable possessions I have and I intend to cast it for the man I feel to be the best, whether he be Republican or Democrat, black or white and no one is going to get me to stay at home and not use it as best I know how.

I hope our leaders will show a little bit of backbone and take a stand one way or the other or at least, stay at home and try to re-organize what they themselves have destroyed—the Democratic Party in the State of Georgia and to restore what dignity the state has had

During the last few years.

cc: Sen. Herman Talmadge

Sen. Richard Russell

Rep. Charles W. Bennett

The Atlanta Constitution

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Mayor Ivan Allen - Atlanta

Yours Truly

Charles B. Brock

351 Canton Street

Alpharetta, Ga. 30201

2714 Chapel Hill Road
Durham, North Carolina
September 29, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

As a graduate student at Duke University, I am not often able to stay in my native state of Georgia for any length of time. I have, however, been much interested in the political campaign, and now I deplore the results of the Democratic primary. Today, on an Atlanta news broadcast, I heard your comments on the Democratic nominee.

I am writing to commend you for your forthright stand. It was good to hear a Democratic leader call Lester Maddox wholly unqualified for the office he seeks. His appeal to bigotry and irresponsibility have been contemptible, and the damage to Georgia's reputation will, I fear, be great. Those of us who have hoped that Georgia would continue to have sensible leadership under the Democrats have been greatly disappointed.

Your statement to the press expresses my views well. The Democratic party has chosen an unsupportable leader.

Sincerely yours,
John Michael Matthews
John Michael Matthews

371 10th St., N.E., #3
Atlanta, Ga. 30309
September 30, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

This is the first time in my life I have ever been moved to write to a public official; however, at a time when I am most ashamed of my state, I would like to congratulate you on your stand regarding the disgusting outcome of the Democratic primary.

You have, in my opinion, done an excellent job as Mayor of Atlanta. In the future, if you should run for any public office - whether it be for mayor or governor - I will not only vote for you, but will be happy to work toward your election.

Just one thing - couldn't you please just this once vote for a Republican and forget the fishing trip! I, too, am a Democrat but am concerned to a point of frenzy over the possibility of Georgia falling into the hands of a mad man. Our state needs HELP!

Yours very truly,

Mrs. W. J. Powell, Jr.
Mrs. W. J. Powell, Jr.

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2564 Bohler Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

September 30, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

We have always been "Allen" people, but have never been more proud of you than we were when we heard your statement regarding Mr. Maddox.

Thank you for being one Democrat with courage enough to stand up and say what you think.

May you be our Major for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jackson
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Jackson

JEFFERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WASHINGTON STREET
JEFFERSON, GEORGIA 30549

October 1, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I want you to know my admiration and sincere appreciation for your recent public statement on the occasion of the nomination of Mr. Lester Maddox in the Democratic primary election.

Like the positions that you have consistently held in the past and the policies and programs that you have promoted, it was a statement that reflects both integrity and intelligence; and I hope that it will be a source of satisfaction to you, whatever the circumstances of the future may be.

Sincerely yours,

Wm R. Thurman

William R. Thurman
Pastor

Communicable Disease Center
Atlanta, Georgia
October 2, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allan
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allan:

May we commend you on your forthright, courageous, and truthful statement regarding the candidacy of Lester Maddox for governor. It is unfortunate for all of us that this type of honesty and integrity is uncommon in Georgia politicians. It is particularly disquieting that officials presumed to be moderates and progressives, eg. Charles Weltner and Carl Sanders, have chosen to put party loyalty above human dignity.

We are proud of you, and you will continue to have our active support.

Sincerely yours,

Martin S. Hirsch, M.D.

Constance Hirsch
Dr. and Mrs. Martin S. Hirsch
Virology Section
Laboratory Branch
C.D.C.

811 Oakdale Road, NE
Atlanta, Ga. Sept. 30.

Dear Mayor Allen;

Here I thought I could write - and I am a master of the written word - but your statement on Lester Maddox this morning was worded better than I could have worded it.

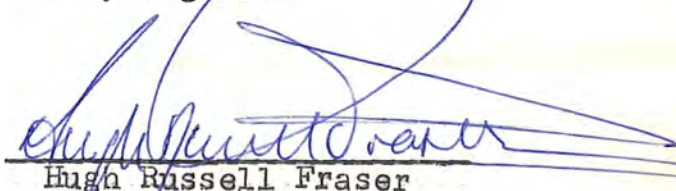
It was a masterpiece!

Not only was it aptly put, but courageous. All the world rallies to a man of courage . . . your star is ascending so rapidly that you are on your way to being the most respected living Georgian.

My program (Why in the World?) followed yours on WAIJ last year. . . if I had it now, the number of my carry-over viewers would be greater by far.

I enclose a story of mine the other day which might interest you.

My regards!



A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Hugh Russell Fraser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Hugh Russell Fraser



Designer of the famed New York Times "history test" of 1943, given to 6,000 college Freshmen, the results of which shocked the nation and won a Pulitzer Prize for the Times. Author of "Democracy in the Making," hailed by Time Magazine as one of the four outstanding books published in that year. Newspaper columnist whose columns have appeared in the Los Angeles Times, Memphis Press-Scimitar, Charlotte Observer and many smaller papers. A world travel enthusiast, with the background of a historian and the keen eye of a journalist. Author of a recent series—"How Sweden Conquered Poverty"



811 Oakdale Road, N.E., Atlanta



As I See It

By HUGH RUSSELL FRASER

MARION, VA. Sherwood Anderson made this town famous. He lived here. Here he wrote "Dark Laughter" and many another novel.

There was always something about Sherwood Anderson that intrigued me. His style was dark and mysterious; his words came out of the twilight, neither of night or of day. Sometimes, when all was still and the moon was down, you could hear him laughing . . .



Hugh Russell Fraser

His books were not novels, not plots . . . they were more than that; actually, they were conversations — low pitched, and mysterious — conversations at midnight.

He spoke of beauty, sparsely, charingly . . . for it was all he knew. He did not bother with fear. Why should he? He had discovered something more important . . . the silence and magic of the woods at night, and human voices . . . talking bluntly, hesitantly, of the mystery of life and love.

And so I came to Marion. And what I found — well, it was so uproariously funny, I could not help but laugh.

Naturally, or perhaps I should say logically, he had a supreme contempt for the yokels . . . their thought processes, their solemn opinions, their inane prejudices. And so he bought a paper . . . the Smith County News, and then — of all things! — the rival paper, the Marion Democrat. Both weeklies, mind you. One Democratic and one Republican . . . Well, this was back in the depression when only Sherwood Anderson had money, money for what he said he heard in the whispering corn under the dark of the moon . . . and so he laughed, owning these two papers. A man named Hoover was running for presi-

dent then against a man named Roosevelt . . . and I don't think he liked either Mr. Hoover or Mr. Roosevelt . . . Anyway, he had a unique way of expressing it. A perfect way.

In one paper, the Republican paper (The Smith County News) he denounced Mr. Roosevelt and lauded Mr. Hoover. And Sherwood Anderson could do a magic job of that.

In the other paper, he denounced Mr. Hoover and lauded Mr. Roosevelt, and Mr. Anderson was a master at that.

But it was not only on politics that Sherwood Anderson differed with himself . . . sometimes it was a matter of the Smith County News denouncing the Marion Democrat, and vice-versa; and Sherwood Anderson wrote both editorials! . . . and both of them equally eloquent.

What a wonderful way to live out one's life!

They say here in Marion that Sherwood Anderson is dead, but I am not so sure . . . one night I walked out to the high hill where they buried him and I swear I heard him talking in a low voice as the moon came over the mountain.

There was nobody around . . . there was never anybody around when Sherwood spoke . . . but the low voice continued, half jestingly, half earnestly . . . and then I knew there was nothing serious but the dark ground and the slowly-rising moon . . . and, as if to lighten it all, the sound of dark laughter.

CHARLES A. BEARD says:

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GEORGE A. REICHMAN
1040 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
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September 30, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

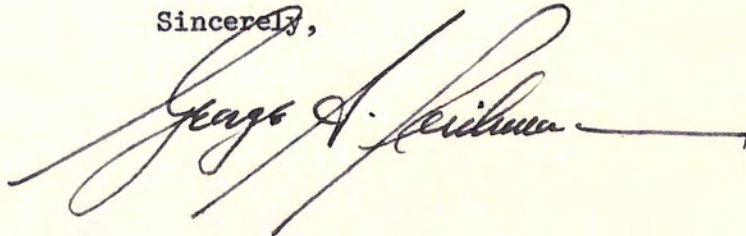
As a former resident of your city, I take the liberty of complimenting you personally for the strong show of character, restraint, and yet rational strength you have shown in recent weeks.

Your publicized performance in the handling of the recent racial disturbances was commendable and your public statements with regards to the folly of the Lester Maddox election are even more praiseworthy.

The nation, and the south in particular, needs more leadership from men not only with your ability, but your courage. These traits are reflected in the progress your city has made under your direction.

Congratulations! You are a credit to Atlanta and the nation...

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George A. Reichman", followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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November 1, 1966

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Mr. J. Thomas Stuart
General Manager
Stuart Office Supply
915 Broad Street
Augusta, Georgia 30903

Dear Tom:

It was certainly good hearing from you and I appreciate your generous comments.

I share with you a great desire to continue our Outstandingly Respectable Image in the Governor's Office.

With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr/br

STUART OFFICE SUPPLY

915 BROAD STREET
AUGUSTA, GEORGIA 30903

J. THOMAS STUART
GENERAL MANAGER

October 31, 1966

Dear Ivan -

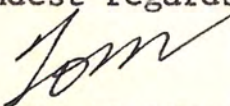
A bit of time has lapsed since we saw you - however - we have followed with interest the outstanding efforts you have and are expending for a Progressive Leadership for Atlanta and the State of Georgia -

Of course we are somewhat prejudiced toward our Augusta Area - but - we are willing to be for Atlanta as well so long as we are all a part of our Great State of Georgia -

We are extremely hopeful that the results of the voting on November 8th will be such that will permit us to continue the forward progress of our State - and continue our Outstandingly Respectable Image to the balance of the United States and the World - however - just at present we are very much concerned -

Whenever you are over this way - make certain to drop by and visit with us -

Kindest regards -



J. THOMAS STUART

Hon. Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

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October 4, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I express my appreciation for your forthright and courageous statement repudiating Lester Maddox. The city of Atlanta has a great future as long as men like yourself lead it. You make me as proud to be a part of the metropolitan Atlanta community as the selection of Lester Maddox makes me ashamed to be identified as a citizen of the state.

Sincerely,

Rufus Cuthbertson
Rufus Cuthbertson

886 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314
October 2, 1966

The Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of The City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

As a renown citizen, politician, churchman, and educator, I would certainly like to commend you on your stand against the Democratic party nominee, Lester Maddox.

I agree totally with your entire statement because beyond a resonable doubt, the seal of Georgia has been tarnished.

I am amazed at my fellow Georgians, who would allow such a progressive state as ours, the empire state of the south to fall into the hands of such an unscrupulous person as Mr. Lester Maddox.

Respectfully yours

Herbert J. Bridgewater, II

Herbert J. Bridgewater, II

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September 30, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Your comment is by far the best I have seen. You are an inspiration to those of us in the outlying areas who are trying to do a job against the opposition of types you describe.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Smith Hunter", written in a cursive style.

SLJ:rc

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• THE SPEECH COMMUNICATION CENTER
of the Department of Speech

September 29, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen:

I just wanted to send along my sentiments for what they are worth to support your statement about the nomination of Lester Maddox which was broadcast on CBS television tonight.

I have been able to view your activities on nationwide television on other occasions--e.g., the Atlanta riots. From all indications I perceived you as a man who was honestly trying to do the best job he could. I also perceived you as a fair person who was willing to try to understand the views of others and to do something about the plight of the slum-dwellers--be they Negro or White. In short, I have been very impressed with what I have seen of your apparent attitude and action in times of crises and controversy. I am quite sure it is very hard on you at times to stand in the face of bigotry and hatred, but I wanted you to know that at least one person across the country wants to give you some reinforcement and to urge you to continue in your attempts to make Atlanta, and consequently America, a better place for a human being to live in.

Although I will most likely never have a chance to vote for you, I hope my encouragement for your stands and actions concerning the civil rights issues and this Maddox "tragedy" will act as a positive influence for your future behavior. Atlanta, and the nation, can be proud of you.

Sincerely,



Mark L. Knapp, Ph.D.
Speech Communication Center

335 Loveman
Worthington,
Ohio 43085
9/28/66

Mayor Ivan Allen
Atlanta,
Georgia

Dear Sir,

I would like to compliment you and your city upon the enlightened efforts that you have made in the area of race relations. From what I, a Northerner, can gather from the press and TV, you have made good progress. As a liberal who has invested some time and a little money in the civil rights movement I have been particularly horrified by the advocates of Black Power because of their heightening the possibility of destruction of the constructive efforts of individuals like you. My purpose in writing to you is to praise your work and statements, to urge the continuance of your effort, and to say that I hope that you do not lose faith in your beliefs.

Sincerely,

AL R. Osborne

Alan R. Osborne

P. O. Box #1
Crown Point, Indiana 46307
September 30, 1966

Honorable Mayor Allen
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Last night, Thursday, I saw you on the news on NBC-TV in Chicago. It was good to hear you speak out, unequivocally, concerning the nomination of Lester Maddox.

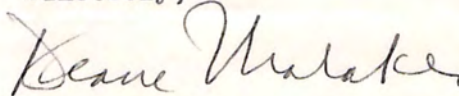
I felt saddened at his nomination: to think that so many persons would gravitate toward a man who stands for what he professes to stand!

Also, I thought it was brave of you to attempt to stop the recent riots in Atlanta by appearing on the scene and publicly exposing yourself to extreme danger by appealing to the crowd from atop a car.

I am certain there are many many more persons in this country who feel as I do, but who do not write and say so.

Keep trying to inject reason and sanity into the situation in Georgia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deane Malaker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Deane Malaker

CITIZENS FEDERAL SAVINGS *and loan association*



MILTON TIPPIN, JR.
SECRETARY-TREASURER

705 broad st. and 601 shorter ave.
rome, georgia

September 30, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

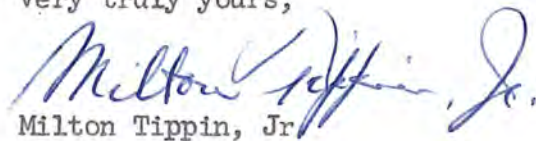
Dear Mayor Allen:

I agree with you that Lester Maddox is not qualified to serve as Governor of Georgia. However, I was astounded to hear you attack him with ridicule in a press conference last night.

Mr. Maddox thrives on ridicule. He has gained a great deal of support from misguided sympathy and continued sarcastic attacks on him will serve only to increase his support.

Please let us defeat Mr. Maddox on other grounds. We do not believe he is capable or qualified and should have no hesitation in saying so but let us not make a martyr of him since such action will only insure his victory in the general election.

Very truly yours,


Milton Tippin, Jr

MTjr:lw

Pillowtex Corporation

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September 30, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I watched WSB Television last night, during the 11:00 news, and saw you and heard the statement made regarding the Democratic Gubernatorial Primary. I congratulate you on your courageous stand and your outspoken decisive comments.

Men of good will in Georgia now find themselves with no place to go. There is no moral leadership that we can turn to. It would be most interesting to know your views with regard to this difficult situation.

Once again, be assured that there are many of your constituents who take great pride in your courageous stands.

With every best wish, I am,

Yours very truly,

PILLOWTEX CORPORATION



Leonard D. Aronson

LDA:mh

Louis D. Becker
113 Emory Court Annex
1766 N. Decatur, Rd. NE
Atlanta 7, Georgia

September 29, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen
Office of the Mayor
Atlanta, Georgia

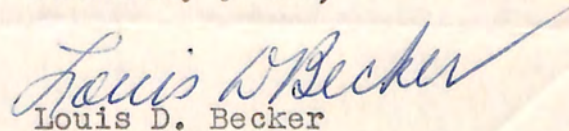
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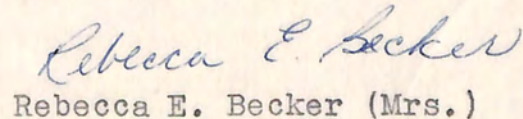
You are to be congratulated on the forthright position you have taken regarding the run-off election. Your public stand against extremism and for the concept of reason is the more remarkable because you will very likely stand alone among prominent, public figures in doing so.

These days, to put conscience above party shows a high, and, unfortunately, an uncommon, degree of commitment to principle.

I do not think it will happen, but wouldn't it be both encouraging and thrilling if a massive repudiation might occur in November, as thousands of sane people "went fishing."

Sincerely yours,


Louis D. Becker


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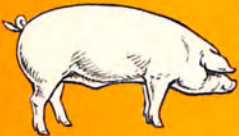
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Hon. Ivan Allen Jr.
Atlanta.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

As former Atlantans there have been many occasions when our family have admired your forthrightness and courage in the conduct of your office.

In the aftermath of the primary however our approbation knows no bounds. Your castigation of ignorance and intransigence should bring a sense of shame to all those who by omission or commission contributed to the degrading of the Georgian image.

The State cannot afford Mr. Maddox however so I believe that regardless of its bitter irony, we must face up to the lesser of two evils. A Democratic Governor in 1967 is unthinkable, so if you must fish, make it here on our lake November 9th. It will clear away the taste and soothe the troubled spirit.

With kindest regards, and may God

Love You.

The J. A. McCauley Family

P.S. my wife says "Give em Hell !! Ivan."

RALPH HINTON, MANAGER • HERBERT SEIDEL, HERDSMAN

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2739 Hillcrest Avenue
Macon, Georgia 31204
September 30, 1966

The Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

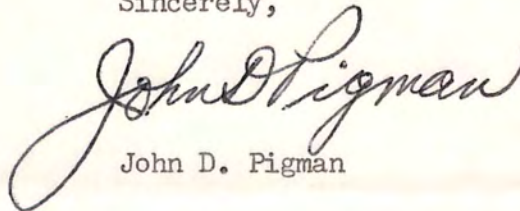
Dear Mayor Allen:

You demonstrated that you were a man of level-headed courage by your actions during the recent racial riots in Atlanta. Your public reaction to Lester Maddox's primary runoff victory showed you to be a man of strong convictions, to have the courage to express those convictions and the guts to "call a spade a spade."

It appears that for the next four years the cards have been "stacked" against Georgia by what you so aptly described as "the duplicity of Republican voters," and that the choice facing us in the November 8 election is merely that of selecting the lesser of two evils. This being the case, I don't think any of us can afford to "go fishing" November 8 as that may just as assuredly land us in the worst possible situation as would a vote for Maddox. I know that for many of us it is a choice that sticks in the craw, but it is one that we have to face, now. (Besides, it is a secret ballot.)

I admire your stamina and willingness to stand up for what you consider to be right. Keep it up, but just a word of caution: Don't do anything rash. I believe I'd like to see you in the next gubernatorial race.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Pigman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John D. Pigman

45 Maple Avenue
Cambridge, Mass. 02139
September 29, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

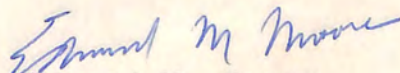
Sir:

I have been a great admirer of yours since you defeated Maddox for mayor in--it was 1962 wasn't it?--and on through your recent encounter with Stokely Carmichael. But never have I admired you more than when I heard your intense, sincere, perfectly articulated statement on the defeat of Ellis Arnall in yesterday's primary run-off. You are the only person who has given any compensation for the horror and dismay I have felt since discovering that Lester Maddox actually defeated Ellis Arnall. I say it only to your credit, that the statement you made today should have been made by Mr. Arnall.

I am a resident of Georgia (Macon), and it is as such that I write to encourage you to offer yourself as a write-in candidate for Governor, and to work vigorously from now until November for that office. I wrote Mr. Arnall last night (upon hearing the election returns) suggesting the same to him. But on the news tonight I saw him congratulate Maddox with the statement, "The victory is yours," and this rather dampens one's enthusiasm. It is to you that people like me now look (and I still remain convinced that there are more of us than this election indicates). I expect that Maddox will take a lot of Callaway's vote; and would a victory by you on November 8 be any more surprising than Maddox's yesterday? I am sure that many more moderates and liberals--as well as people who are simply sane--will get out and vote, after this catastrophe, especially if they could vote for you. For many like myself it is a real problem whether to vote for Callaway or not to vote at all.

I am a graduate student at Harvard; if there is anything I can do for you, or for even reasonable politics in Georgia, please let me know. And again, let me beg you to offer yourself as a write-in candidate for Governor.

Sincerely yours,


Edward M. Moore

ARMAND MAY
P. O. Box 4056
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30302

September 30th
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PERSONAL

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

What happened to the Empire State, it seems that this Carmichael and the eruption here in Atlanta and throughout the country on this Black Power has frightened many good citizens. But at the same time, I glory in your presentation to the public, even though those who voted for Lester Maddox didn't approve.

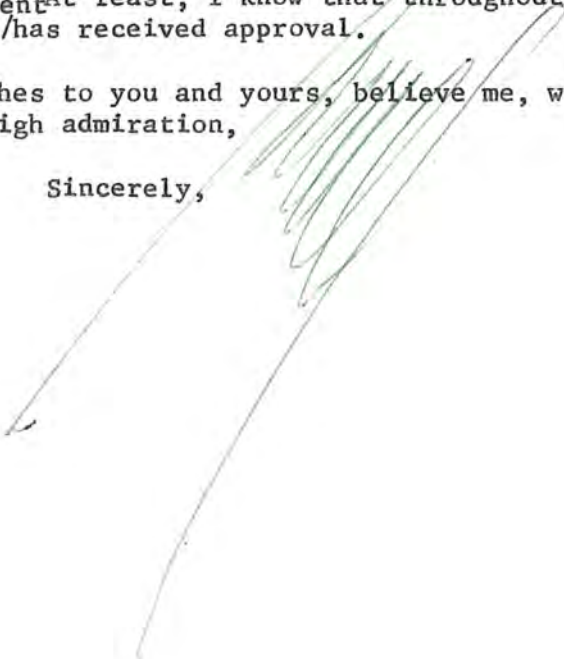
I am just wondering if there is anything that can be done that will change this situation. Of course, it was more than unfortunate, especially after the work which has been done by you and others, but I am sure that by holding steadfast we will still come out on top.

One thing was certain, it was a relief to see that the Lieutenant was defeated in a big way. This at least gives us some satisfaction.

Again congratulations on your position. It seems that whenever you do have to make a statement you "hit the nail on the head." At least, I know that throughout the country the state has received approval.

With all good wishes to you and yours, believe me, with assurance of my high admiration,

Sincerely,



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1464 Mill Acres Dr. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga 30311
October 1, 1966

Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga

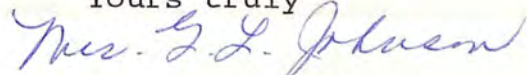
Dear Mayor Allen:

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent statement on the election of Lester Maddox. It was exactly what I felt but was unable to express in such appropriate language.

I thank God for your leadership every night and I hope that your health will hold out so that you may continue to lead Atlanta in a direction that makes me proud to say I am from Atlanta when I am out of the state, although I am now sorry to have to say that I am from the State of Georgia.

My husband joins me in expressing our thanks and admiration to you for the very fine job you are doing for the City of Atlanta, and most especially since the strike of the City Fireman and the recent riots.

Yours truly



Mrs. G. L. Johnson

3117 McDow Ave., N.W.
Huntsville, Alabama 35805
September 29, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mayor Allen:

Your courage in facing the recent rioters in Atlanta deserves much more credit than I can express in this letter. However please accept my admiration and congratulations ~~for~~ being one of the truly great Americans of this age!

Georgia has been well ahead of her sister states in recognizing what is going on in this great country of ours; and it was with great sorrow that tonight I learned that the people had selected Lester Maddox as their choice for Democratic nominee for Governor. Nevertheless, with wise people such as yourself in high places, it is still probable that Georgia will lead all the South in realizing

that these clamors and furors will be settled only by realizing that what we, who as whites, would prefer to believe, can no longer exist anywhere in the world. Maybe it's our heritage and maybe it's something else that's forced it on us, but we cannot sidestep nor cringe from our responsibility as Christian human beings to make our world safe in Democracy!

Again, let me salute you! You are one of America's best hopes!

Yours very truly,
Rodney S. Wheeler

DR. REX L. LEE
705 CANDLER BUILDING
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Telephone: JA. 2-7491

Sept. 30, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen:

I'm sure you are very busy and your schedule is loaded. Please do not take time to answer this letter. First of all, as a dentist, I commend your stand on fluoridation. I attended the breakfast at which you spoke at the Marriott during the Hinman Dental Meeting.

Secondly, your position on our civil rights problem and your action during our recent trouble have clinched my respect for you as a man. I'm not certain that you weren't reckless with your life, though.

Lastly, your statement following the run-off catastrophe has made my wife and I unswerving admirers and supporters of yours from here on in. The man has to be a fool, but a dangerous fool, and must be stopped someday. Please put my card somewhere, and if you need any kind of help, just call.

Respectfully,

Rex L. Lee

Rex L. Lee, D.D.S.

P.S. Since I have been taking care of the teeth of most of the Braves players (Eddie Glennon too), I owe you something extra for bringing them to town. *Name it.*

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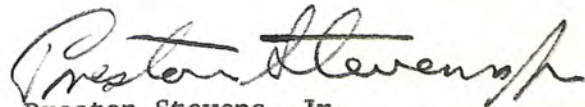
September 30, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,
Mayor,
City of Atlanta,
City Hall,
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

I want to thank you for the fine job you have done during the recent racial disturbances. I am proud to have such a mayor. I am also glad that you spoke your mind yesterday concerning Lester Maddox instead of the soft shoe routine demonstrated by the State Office holders.

Very truly yours,



Preston Stevens, Jr.

PS/jm

CHARLES M. NICE, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW
538 THE FRANK NELSON BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Sept. 30, '66.

Hon. Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I want to write and commend you on the fine statement you have made on the horrifying Maddox victory. Such a statement had to be made for Georgia and the South by someone of your stature. Ellis Arnall, of course, could not have made it as it would have appeared as poor sportsmanship on his part. As it was he took defeat admirably and I hope he will come back to fight another day.

Congratulations to you for speaking out. You have always shown yourself to be a leader with political courage and force.

Sincerely,



Charles M. Nice, Jr.

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Atlanta, Ga. 30302

P. O. BOX 4925
227 COURTLAND STREET, N.E.

204 Hickory Acres Drive
Smyrna, GA. 30080

Sept. 30, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen:

Please — you've got to retract that statement you made yesterday about going fishing on election day. If a lot of disappointed Democrats feel that way, that Lunatic will get in. For the sake of Georgia, and all Georgians, we've got to keep him out, or we'll backslide and become "little Alabama". I'm a Kennedy Democrat but would rather see Mr. Callaway (a turncoat) be Governor than that idiot

who will surely have black and
white blood flowing in the streets.
I'm sick about this mess —
but I'm surely going to
vote to keep him out.

Please reconsider and
tell it to the people — you
have too much influence in
this city to let it go to
waste.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. E.M.) Fols Schettick

P.S. I've always been for you —
1000 %!



LEONARD HICKS, JR.

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September 30, 1966

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

MY HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR STAND WITH REGARD TO
MR. LESTER MADDOX.....YOU, MR. ALLEN, ARE PRICELESS!

The world must be told that true Georgians are not the rebels of our nation. My great-grandfather surrendered at Appomattox, with General Lee. Your stand was as much a mark of true leadership as was this surrender. There are many intelligent, logical thinking people in this state who feel exactly as you do.

Mr. Maddox is in no way qualified to be Governor of the State of Georgia, but he is well-qualified to embarrass our state before the world.

You may feel that you must go fishing on election day, but I must GO-BO!

Sincerely,

Hazel D. Shealy
(An eighth generation
Southerner)

HDS/rg

1315 Fulton National Bank Building
Atlanta, Georgia
September 29, 1966

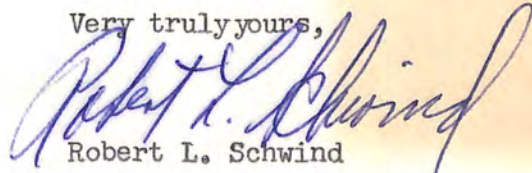
Hon. Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

The results of the run-off yesterday for the Democratic gubernatorial candidate are a disappointment for me and surely a cause for concern for all citizens in this community and state. Fortunately, however, the Democratic primary is no longer necessarily the equivalent of the election and we still have a choice and chance to keep our state headed in the right direction. The choice between Lester Maddox and Howard Calloway is one which we cannot afford not making.

You, Sir, are highly respected in this community and, for that reason, I call upon you to take stock of our situation and to take steps in the direction of preserving us from Mr. Maddox for the next four years. It would appear that committees of responsible citizens in Georgia could be organized by you and others to raise funds for Mr. Calloway's campaign and to get out the vote in November. If I may be of assistance, feel free to call on me.

Very truly yours,



Robert L. Schwind

PAUL SEYDEL
1991 WEST PACES FERRY ROAD, N.W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30327

29 Sept., 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Ivan:

Thank you most sincerely for expressing
as closely as possible in polite language what
so many of us feel about the results of the runoff
election.

And thank God we have Ivan Allen as mayor
of Atlanta.

Most sincerely



P.S.: Someone quoted you as saying you might just go
fishing. Regardless of who wins in November, would
like to invite you and Lou to join us aboard our sloop
in the Caribbean. Wanda and I will be exploring the
islands most of the winter.....if you can take off
and would be interested, we'd be delighted to have you....



HARRY W. ROHRER
1927 NORTH DECATUR ROAD, N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307

October 1, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen Jr. Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

You no doubt are getting various reactions to the statement you made recently concerning the fact that Mr. Maddox has become the democratic nominee for State Governor.

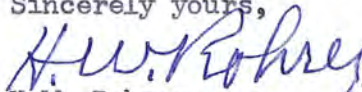
While we are not residents of the incorporated limits of the City of Atlanta, we are residents of Greater Atlanta. We have tried to help in various ways to make Atlanta one of the finest cities of the world, this in particular by helping in the Laymen's Movement to encourage the integration of our public schools.

Mrs. Rohrer joins me in highest commendations to you our City Mayor for ~~for~~ speaking out as you did with reference to the nomination of probably our rankest segregationist and disturber of our efforts for peaceful advance. While many of us thought we worked rather dilligently we apparently did not work hard enough to beat him in the run off.

Since we are where we are, be assured we are going to do everything we feel we can to support you and the cause which you so manfully espouse. Someone has said, "A single breaker may recede, yet the tide keeps rolling in." Let's add strength to the tide of right.

Have you suggestions for next steps?

Sincerely yours,



H.W. Rohrer
Retired YMCA Secretary

HWR-r

September 30, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
Office of the Mayor
Atlanta, Georgia

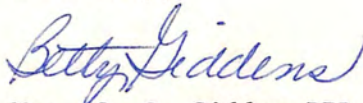
Dear Mayor Allen:

I would like you to know that I agree with your recent statement concerning the election of Lester Maddox. There must be many other Georgians who feel the same way about this situation and I'm glad you had the courage and forthrightness to put it into words for all of us.

May I also say that I admire you very much for the way you handled the recent unfortunate racial disturbances in Atlanta. With more capable, level-headed men like yourself in office, Georgia would be a better state and perhaps such political fiascos as the one mentioned above would not take place.

Thank you for adding to my pride in being a Georgian.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty Giddens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Mrs. C. C. Giddens III
Gracewood, Ga.

Mrs. Catherine J. Matthews
2284 Coolidge, Apt. 207
Troy, Michigan 48084

The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Honorable Sir:

Last night I saw you on the CBS late news coverage and I want to commend you on your fine efforts for the great State of Georgia. It's true, the Great Seal of Georgia is a little tarnished now and the future looks grim. After seeing you last night I decided I would write you and the lead story in this morning's paper on the editorial page (enclosed) fully expresses my sentiments - Georgia deserves better.

I was born in Atlanta and lived there all my life until the past two years and what happens there concerns me a great deal as I hope to return some day. My family and many good friends live in Georgia.

You have done a wonderful job in Atlanta and I sincerely wish you the very best in the future. Atlanta, and the State of Georgia, need you, more so now than ever. Good luck and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Catherine Matthews

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Sept. 30, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

I know that this is an unusual letter from an unexpected source. But I have been so impressed by ^{several of} your recent public statements and actions that I have decided to write — to thank you for your courage, integrity, position of moderation, and articulateness. America needs more such leaders.

Yours sincerely,

Harvey Rothberg, M.D.

No need to reply!

623 E. Bryan Street
Douglas, Georgia
October 3, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor, City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

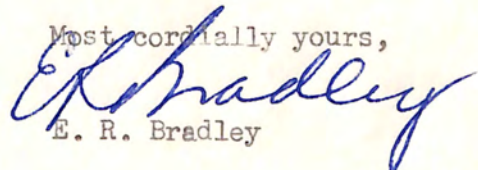
Dear Mr. Allen:

Congratulations on your courageous comment on the nomination of Lester Maddox for governor. I painfully awaited the national news on this event, but your cogent remarks were sort of an antidote.

I am even more alarmed than I was three days ago, for now all those silent Democrats seemed to awaken and are climbing on the bandwagon. As bitter as the choice is, I feel that we must vote for the more moderate of the candidates, Bo Calloway.

My article from the Coffee County Progress shows my concern.

Most cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "E. R. Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "E" and "B".

E. R. Bradley

1670 Johnson Road
Atlanta, Georgia
September 30, 1966

Mayor Luord Allen,

City Hall

Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

Thank you for expressing how I
felt about Mr Maddox's nomination.
It is indeed a sad day for Georgia -
its industry, its education, its citizens.

We will suffer for many years
because of irresponsible voting by
Republicans in a Democratic primary,
narrow-minded whites, and leading
elected Democrat officials who
failed to give their support to
reputable Democratic candidates.

Sincerely,

Margaret Davis

Fred Romero iii

600 E. Country Club Dr.

Yuma, Arizona

Dear Mayor,

This letter is to express my appreciation and pride for what you tried to do in the name of justice and fair-play during the recent racial disturbance in your city. In one sense it would seem that you did no more than what a man in your position would be expected to do, but when it is taken into consideration that you are a prominent Southern Gentleman in charge of a large city in the South....what you did is just this side of great.

Not many people would have acted as you did if they were in your place. What ever your personal views on the Negro and his problems matters little. What does matter is the fact that you saw fit to uphold the duties of your office in the highest tradition. It would be all too easy in this day and age for you to turn your back on the situation, things being what they are you would have had many supporters if you had chosen to take a stand of silence.

I realize that a letter of this nature means little or nothing to a man of your standing. You have more important things to do than read trivia. But, still and all perhaps if you receive more such letters from half way across the continent, you will stand taller and fight harder knowing that there are a few of us around who back you up.

Keep up the good work,

Fred Romero iii

Douglas C. Billian
1009 Park Ave.
New York, N. Y. 10028

September 18, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

You've been having your hands full lately (don't you always) but have some satisfaction from knowing that some of your fellow Atlantans around the country are mighty proud of the way you've handled recent TV interviews. And, frankly, I'm not at all convinced that Mr. Carmichael's performance has done anything more or less than to focus attention on just how well Atlanta has handled the problems common to all cities, north and south.

Certainly the incidents have been uncalled for and granted, the N.Y. Times and Wall Street Journal have had their fun in their smugness, but I can tell you something firsthand. In my travels around the country this past year since being transferred to NY (McGraw-Hill Publishing) I've heard nothing but praise and wonderment about Atlanta. I don't mean just regarding the race situation, I mean on a broad range there is an increasing recognition that Atlanta just has to be a darn fine place to live and earn a satisfying and rewarding living.

As one with deep roots in Atlanta, and a plan to return one day, it is gratifying indeed to see the mayor lead as you have.

Kindest personal regards,



Douglas C. Billian

Federal Programs for Baldwin County Schools

400 W, Hancock Street
Milledgeville, Georgia 31061

September 30, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

It is not my custom to write letters to persons in political office. I thought about communicating with you at the time Atlanta's firemen walked out, and again following the riots. I felt that the vision and courage you displayed on those occasions were exemplary and should be commended. Now you have vividly expressed my shocked outrage at the results of the Democratic runoff, and I feel compelled to let you know that there are many of us who endorse your statement.

I want to go further, too, and express appreciation for the quality of leadership you are providing. To date you are the only Georgian in high political office who has dared to make a public declaration deploring the outcome of the primary, and warning the people of its possible devastating effects on our state. Many of us are deeply grateful that you have sufficient courage to be a spokesman for us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lena F. Fuller

(Mrs.) Lena F. Fuller
Coordinator

LFF:ec

HENRY M. HENDERSON

P. O. BOX 248

ATLANTA 1, GEORGIA 30301

October 1, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Mayor:

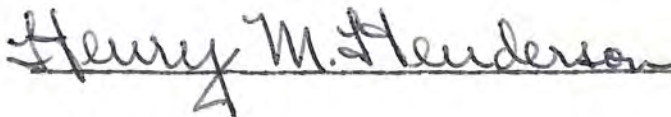
The observations that you made to the public concerning one of the results of the recent State Democratic Run-off Primary were indeed masterful and you expressed my sentiments exactly.

I am enclosing copies of writings of even date herewith manifesting my own proposals for solution of the predicament faced by those Democrats in our situation.

Some way just must be found for reversing the momentary blight that has come upon the excellent record of you, your predecessor and the respective colleagues of each of you made toward excellent and responsible government and true democracy, brought on by the machinations you so adequately described.

Meanwhile, your stature increases with your every manifestation of the ideal leader.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Henry M. Henderson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Henry M. Henderson-h

Enclosures

HENRY M. HENDERSON
P. O. Box 248
Atlanta 1, Georgia

30301

October 1, 1966

Honorable Ben W. Fortson, Jr.
Secretary of State
Room 214 State Capitol
Atlanta, Georgia 303334

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Since a resolution of the General Assembly of Georgia (Georgia Laws, 1965, pp. 765--767) has proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia, dealing with the subject matter of write-in voting, and will be voted upon by the electorate in the ensuing election on the 8th day of November next, the ratification of the same could possibly be interpreted to apply to any write-in votes that may be cast in such next general election.

It is the writer's intention to cast a write-in vote in such general election for the office of Governor of the State in behalf of Honorable George T. Smith, presently Speaker of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly and the now unopposed nominee of the Democratic Party for the Office of Lieutenant Governor in such election.

The writer is a person qualified to vote in the subject election, being registered in Precinct 8 C of Fulton County, and as such hereby gives notice of intention of candidacy in behalf of the said Honorable George T. Smith on a write-in basis in the said election.

At the same time the writer will vote against the ratification of such proposed amendment, which was rejected in substantially the same terms in the General Election of 1962, being of the conviction that the proscription intended by such proposed amendment would be too serious a limitation upon the ability of the electorate to correct a "debacle" that may have arisen from the antecedent electoral processes.

The writer is concurrently requesting of the Attorney General an unofficial opinion as to whether, in view of the repeal by Section 34-2001 (n) of the "Georgia Election Code" (Georgia Laws, 1964, Extra. Session, pp. 26, 199) of the previous statute prohibiting the use of stickers in the casting of write-in votes, any currently effective provision of law precludes the use of stickers, pasters, etc.

Speaker Smith has demonstrated himself to be the best vote getter of the current season and by the vote that has been accorded him in the Democratic run-off primary the electorate therein has by reason of the circumstances, of necessity, found him to be well qualified to serve as the Governor of the State, if called upon for such service.

The writer sincerely believes that voting by write-in for Speaker Smith for Governor affords the best solution for those Democrats who cannot, because of moral conviction, bring themselves to voting either for a Republican candidate or a candidate who in an apparent large measure was saddled upon the Democratic Party by participation in the latter's Primary by non-members of the Party.

The action being taken by the writer in the respects herein is motivated solely from and by his own convictions and the same is not in anywise prompted from any action on the part of Speaker Smith other than the imprint upon the writer of the former's excellent public service and showing of his potentialities.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Henderson

Henry M. Henderson-h

HENRY M. HENDERSON
P. O. Box 248
Atlanta 1, Georgia 30301

October 1, 1966

Honorable Arthur K. Bolton
The Attorney General
Judicial Building
40 Capitol Square, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30334

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

letter of
Attached is a copy of/even date addressed by the writer hereof to the Honorable Ben W. Fortson, Jr., Secretary of State, which is self-explanatory.

In the indicated regard this is to request of you an unofficial opinion in answer to the following question:

In view of the repeal by Section 34-2001 (n) of the "Georgia Election Code" (Georgia Laws, 1964 Extra. Session, pp. 26, 199) of the previous statute (Georgia Laws, 1962, pp. 98, 99) prohibiting the use of stickers, pasters, etc., in the casting of write-in votes, does any currently effective provision of law preclude the use of stickers, pasters, etc., in the casting of write-in votes in a General Election, particularly the one to be held on the 8th day of November next?

The writer has not found any such provision contained in the said Georgia Election Code, as amended. Section 34-103 of said Election Code, in subdivision "(ag)", appearing on page 32 of Georgia Laws, 1964 Extraordinary Session, defines the words "write-in ballot" as "the paper or other material on which a vote is cast for persons whose names do not appear on the ballot labels."

In the opinion of the writer, the provisions of neither Section 34-1224 nor Section 34-1505 of said Georgia Election Code, respectively published on pages 122 and 171 of Georgia Laws, 1964 Extra. Session, appear to preclude the use of stickers, pasters, etc., in the casting of such write-in ballots, and the indicated Section 34-1505 contains the words "affixed in or on receptacles for that purpose," (underscoring supplied by the writer).

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Henderson

Henry M. Henderson-h

Attachment

From Georgia Laws, 1965 Session; page 766:

"Be it resolved by the General Assembly of Georgia:

"Section 1. Article II of the Constitution, relating to the elective franchise, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof a new Section to be numbered Section VII and to read as follows:

"Section VII. Paragraph I. Write-in Votes. No person elected on a write-in vote shall be eligible to hold office unless notice of his intention of candidacy was given twenty or more days prior to the election by the person to be a write-in candidate, or by some other person or group of persons qualified to vote in the subject election, as follows: In a state general election, to the Secretary of State and by publication in a paper of general circulation in the state; The General Assembly may enact other reasonable regulations and require compliance therewith as a condition of eligibility to hold office in this State."

In the General Election of 1962 a similar proposed amendment providing for ten days notice was defeated by a vote of:

FOR 81,935 AGAINST 113,763

as reported on page 845 of Georgia Laws of 1963. The twenty day limitation contained in the currently proposed amendment is obviously worse than the ten day limitation contained in the previously defeated proposal. The ratification of the currently proposed amendment would seriously impair the "safety valve" value of the General Election for righting "debacles" occurring in the Primary Elections or intervening between the same and the following General Election.