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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
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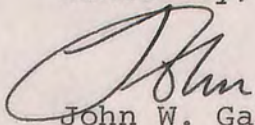
Dear Ivan:

The staffs of Urban America and the Urban Coalition are producing jointly a study of what has happened to the domestic crisis in the year since the Kerner Commission made its report. The new assessment, "One Year Later", will not attempt to duplicate the work of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. It will use the report as a point of reference. It will attempt to report factually and objectively whether or not we have moved from that reference point; in which direction, and importantly, whether or not our ability to move positively has increased or decreased.

Responsibility for content of the new report will rest with the staffs of Urban America and the Coalition. However, the author and editors have been assisted by an advisory panel: Senator Fred Harris; Mayor John Lindsay; David Ginsburg, former executive director of the Commission; Dan Parker, immediate past chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers; the Reverend Channing E. Phillips, District of Columbia Housing Development Corporation; and Tom Wicker, Associate Editor, The New York Times.

The Kerner Commission reported on March 1, 1968. "One Year Later" will be published in early March 1969. Advance copies of the manuscript and supplementary materials will be released to all media and interested organizations beginning February 24 for use no earlier than February 27, on which date a press conference will be held in Washington to release the publication. Copies of the manuscript will be sent to you no later than February 24.

Sincerely,

  
John W. Gardner