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Dear Mayor Allen,

I have been meaning to write for quite some time and thank you for allowing me an interview last November concerning the Governor's race. I managed to make an "A" on the paper and in the course. Not only was my trip enjoyable, but very profitable.

I am taking a course this semester in public speaking in which we are required to make several speeches. This Friday we are to make speeches on a specific racial problem. Since I live in the East Lake community, I have chosen the community transition which we are experiencing. Our professor requires research and "specific supporting data" in presenting our speeches. I realize your time is extremely limited, but I would greatly appreciate it if you could answer a few questions for me. What do you feel has been the cause of the situation? Have you seen any signs of organized "blockbusting"? Do you feel that Atlanta's tremendous use of the Urban Renewal program (which I plan to make a speech about later in the semester) has affected the trend? I often feel that the Negroes are being blamed (thus created more prejudice) for things which are not their own fault.

Any help that you could give in this area would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again for your help on my report.

Sincerely,

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P.S. Congratulations on your nice write-up in the current Newsweek. They obviously got the Nation's top mayors!