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Mayor Ivan Allen,
City Hall,
Atlanta, Ga.-

Dear Mayor Allen:

As Republicans, we voted in the Republican primary, and, as concerned Georgians, my husband and I were stunned by the outcome of the Democratic run-off.

However, Mayor Allen, we were even more shocked by your speech that was published in today's edition of the Constitution. Is the will of the majority of the people of Georgia really "deplorable"? Are its citizens really "ignorant, prejudiced, reactionary", etc.?

I think not, Sir. I believe that our citizens are showing their concern at the polls, as law abiding citizens should. Perhaps they feel as I do, just plain fed up.

We tried it your way, as

so-called "moderates", and it didn't mark out. Crime, smut on the news stands, even in our daily pages. Insults from the publisher and editor of the Journal-Constitution. I could go on and on—

I want safety on the city streets. If that means putting clubs and machine guns in the hands of our policemen, then so be it. I want hoodlums and degenerates put out of circulation, not psychoanalyzed then turned loose again to rape my child or my neighbors' child. I want to help the needy and demand work from the lazy. I grieve for the young negro who was murdered, but I also shed a tear for the policemen who were shot. And the innocent soldier, struck with a brick while on his way home from Korea — what about them, Mayor Allen.[2]

It's about time that the liberal democrats took a long look at

themselves instead of having temper tantrums because the run off didn't go their way -

I'll leave the complexities of straightening out the mess to you politicians - How you do it is your problem; after all, you asked for the job - The voters have lost their patience -

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Eloise Thurber