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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to personally congratulate and commend you on the definite and courageous stand you have taken during the recent racial problems in Atlanta. I apologize for not being in a position to write earlier, but I was out of town a good portion of last week; however, I can assure you that I didn't miss any of the newscasts or neglect an opportunity to keep up to date on the current situation in Atlanta.

Before I left for Texas last weekend, I told Carl Reith, our president and a personal friend of yours, how much I admired the action you had initiated, and I want to go on record that you have considerably more "nerve" than I have at this point. I would further like to state, that although my time seems to be at a premium, I know that you are a much busier individual than any of us at Colonial Stores and if I can ever help in any way, please feel free to call on me. I would deem it a privilege and an honor to be able to support you in any manner. You have my utmost respect and confidence.

Sincerely,



Wm. M. Robinson

WMR:mcl

cc: Mr. Carl J. Reith