

Moultrie, Georgia
September 30, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

If the people of Georgia were surprised over the election of Mr. Lester Maddox as candidate for the Democrat Party, then they were shocked over the statements you made in your speech Thursday when you called those who voted for him a "combination of forces of ignorance, prejudice, reactionism, etc."

If this were true, then there certainly are a lot of "ignorant" and "people of this type" in the State of Georgia, when over four-hundred-thousand of them voted for Mr. Maddox.

It would seem to me that if anyone has "tarnished the Great Seal of Georgia" you have by the remarks in your speech when you, a person in your position, made public such statements for the whole nation to hear.

For your information, many people of all walks of life - doctors, lawyers, teachers, and ordinary good citizens whom you would call "ignorant" - have said they would NOW vote for Mr. Maddox since hearing your slanderous remarks about the people of Georgia, because they resent you calling all the people who voted for him these names. So you have really defeated your purpose, and instead of causing people to turn against Mr. Maddox, you have caused many to turn their support toward him.

I think you owe the people of Georgia an apology for your "name calling" outspoken and uncalled for statement. The people of Georgia do not - cannot not - and will not appreciate any such littleness in anyone, regardless of their position and standing..

Yours truly,



Mrs. F. C. Veal