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Atlanta 5, Georgia  
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Mr. Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Mayor:


It has always been possible for me to have political differences with other men of good will and still maintain my respect and admiration for them.

I regret to see, however, that the differences between you and me regarding your testimony in Washington a few days ago are so great that neither I, nor many of the fine Atlanta people who supported you in your bid for the mayor's office, can support, understand, admire or respect you for this action.

The Atlanta Journal has reported that you are keeping some sort of tabulation of letters received from Atlanta and other citizens regarding your position in this matter. My opinion is that you are striking a blow at one of the fundamental institutions of our democracy that could be just as damaging as an attack from a communist or other subversive group.

Please record me as being 100% in opposition to your position, and as being an active opponent of your candidacy for any political office in the future.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Thomas C. Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.