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The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

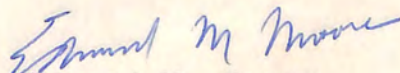
Sir:

I have been a great admirer of yours since you defeated Maddox for mayor in--it was 1962 wasn't it?--and on through your recent encounter with Stokely Carmichael. But never have I admired you more than when I heard your intense, sincere, perfectly articulated statement on the defeat of Ellis Arnall in yesterday's primary run-off. You are the only person who has given any compensation for the horror and dismay I have felt since discovering that Lester Maddox actually defeated Ellis Arnall. I say it only to your credit, that the statement you made today should have been made by Mr. Arnall.

I am a resident of Georgia (Macon), and it is as such that I write to encourage you to offer yourself as a write-in candidate for Governor, and to work vigorously from now until November for that office. I wrote Mr. Arnall last night (upon hearing the election returns) suggesting the same to him. But on the news tonight I saw him congratulate Maddox with the statement, "The victory is yours," and this rather dampens one's enthusiasm. It is to you that people like me now look (and I still remain convinced that there are more of us than this election indicates). I expect that Maddox will take a lot of Callaway's vote; and would a victory by you on November 8 be any more surprising than Maddox's yesterday? I am sure that many more moderates and liberals--as well as people who are simply sane--will get out and vote, after this catastrophe, especially if they could vote for you. For many like myself it is a real problem whether to vote for Callaway or not to vote at all.

I am a graduate student at Harvard; if there is anything I can do for you, or for even reasonable politics in Georgia, please let me know. And again, let me beg you to offer yourself as a write-in candidate for Governor.

Sincerely yours,

  
Edward M. Moore