

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta, Georgia

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Bremen, Georgia

Sir;

As a citizen of Georgia who loves Atlanta, permit me to congratulate you upon the excellent manner in which you quelled the recent racial disturbances in your city.

Since my wife and I would like very much to continue coming into Atlanta on periodic shopping trips, I feel you should be made aware of certain conditions now prevalent which prohibits our doing so.

The small groups of Negro youths who stand idly on street corners and shout obscenities at passing white motorists are definitely not conducive to good relationship between Atlanta and neighboring cities.

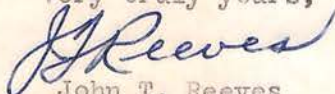
The strong possibility of a brick or bottle being tossed into a windshield holds absolutely no attraction for me, or any other law abiding citizen.

Sooner or later an enraged motorist will lose control of his senses, and someone else will die; another riot will ensue, and more hatred will build.

Friends tell me that Negro youths saunter idly across streets in front of passing cars in many sections of your city, and seemingly dare drivers to run them down. When a horn is sounded, these Negro youths scream curses, aided by groups of adults on the sidewalks.

Being an admirer of your excellent tenure of office, I feel you should know these things are happening in Atlanta, and that more and more people are becoming disenchanted with your city because of them.

Very truly yours,



John T. Reeves  
Bremen, Georgia