

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Allen,

I am writing in protest to a statement that you made on T.V. after the election runoff. You stated that anyone who voted for Lester Maddox was an idiot or very ignorant. I voted for him and I am not ashamed of it. I feel that I was very wise in doing so and all who voted for him used good sense. The people of Georgia had a choice and they made it. Who are you to stand up and call people ignorant? I've always been told that it takes an idiot to know one. I think you made an idiot out of yourself by proclaiming this statement.

What kind of Georgian are you to get mad at people for the way they voted? Have you forgotten that this is America?

Maddox will stand up for what he believes in and what the freedom loving people believe in. He will not let us down as you and all the others who have run for different offices. Everyone makes all kind of promises before they get in but after they are elected they do not live up to them. We do not feel that Maddox will break his promises that is why the majority of us voted for him.

I believe that Maddox will get a lot more votes in the General Election now that you said what you did, and what the papers are saying.

You also said that you were going fishing on election day.

This goes to show Atlanta and all of Georgia what kind of Democrat you are. What about the pledge? Maybe you will do like Charles Weltner. I suppose a lot of people would be happy if you would. I don't know what you are afraid of, but it is about time that Georgia got a Governor that would back the people.

I am thankful that I don't live in the city of Atlanta, but I am also thankful that I am a Georgian.

You offered a \$10,000.00 reward for information leading to the arrest of the one guilty of shooting the Negro, but how much did you offer toward the arrest of the ones guilty of hurting your policemen. It looks to me like you show more love for the rioters than you do for your police force. If you had used the money you offered for reward to give the firemen a raise Atlanta would be better off. Looks like you would take Kings advice and put them back to work, since you've taken his advice before.

I think people like you who are against Maddox should give him a chance, then talk about him. Who knows, he might make one of the best Governors we have ever had.

His mind might change about a lot of things, he might pass a law where your kind of people (Negroes) can move in with you.

I believe the people of Georgia are tired of people like you, Sanders, L.B.J., and the Communist. They want some real full blooded Americans who will represent the freedom loving people, someone who is not afraid to stand up and fight for everyones

rights, and not try to push things that are unjust down their throats.

I am a Democrat and will continue to be one as long as we have people like Maddox running for offices, but should a time come when there is no fit subject running for the Democratic party then I would vote Republican if that person running could match up with Maddox.

The American Soldier is fighting in Viet Nam against Communism and yet there is a lot of it here in America. The Communist are setting back laughing at us because of people like you.

Sincerely,

Someone from Maddox Country.