

340 Brentwood Dr. N.E.
Atlanta 5, Ga.
July 26, 1963.

Mayor Ivan Allen

Dear Mr. Allen,

How fine a thing it was to pick up the paper this afternoon and learn that you had publicly urged passage of the administration's public accommodations bill!

I saw you last Friday night at Susan Coltrane's wedding and of course I see many pictures and articles concerning your numerous activities - I know how boring some of the pressures must be and how much fun the others. It would have been so easy for you to just sit back and enjoy the honor of being mayor. That is why I

want to congratulate you and thank you for thinking of those citizens of our city who are so much less fortunate and who have been exploited through the years.

All of my life, even as a child and when I was at Agnes Scott and in the years since I have felt sorry for the deprived, miserable and underpaid and unprotected condition of the colored people. Anyone with eyes and a heart needs no communist (to my knowledge I have never even seen one) or vague "outsider" to tell him that the negroes are only trying to be free and happy and to enjoy the rights guaranteed by the Constitution -

Well, Mr. Allen, congratulations again and my very best wishes to you - If you need any help from me, please say so.

Sincerely yours
Araminta E. Pate
(Mrs. Ralph C. Pate Sr.)