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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

This letterhead is for identification purposes only, and is not intended to reflect the opinion of this Bank or any of its Officers or employees - only that of the writer.

You are to be commended on the manner in which you propose to handle any riots or unlawful disorders within your City, as reported in our local papers. We seem to be plagued with a very small minority who insist on causing as much violence and disturbances as possible. They disregard the fact that they interfere with the rights of others - that any organized society must have law and order.

I consider it a disgrace and an affront to constituted law, for five or six police officers to have to carry off a limp demonstrator when he lies down and refuses to move when ordered to do so. I would approve of the use of electric cattle prods, police dogs or fire hose to clear an area of sit-in demonstrators who refuse to obey other orders. I doubt seriously if any Officer of the law in your City can rightly be accused of one-tenth the brutality which some of your officers have suffered at the hands of the lawless element. It is the beginning of the breakdown of all law and order when a police officer is afraid to make an arrest for fear he will be mobbed. This condition must not be allowed to prevail.

Congratulations upon the courage you have shown.

Yours very truly,



C. L. Moore