



June 10, 1966

Mr. George E. Gill
District Director
Communications Workers of America
40 Pryor Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Gill:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing me during the trying circumstances involved in our recent firemen's problems. I am a great champion of organized labor and the right of collective bargaining. I have publicly stated this on many occasions, and carried out my beliefs in every possible instance.

My whole background and training has been a development of the principle that the welfare of the public as a whole cannot be put in jeopardy under any circumstances. In my opinion, the protective services of a city must accept their responsibility. This responsibility cannot except the right to put the public in jeopardy.

I can assure you that I am fair and reasonable.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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