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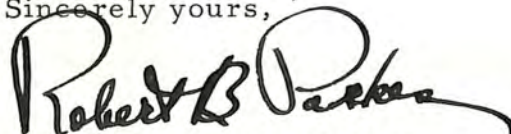
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

It is with great regret that I read your testimony regarding the controversial public accommodations proposal of the President's civil rights program. A man of your stature must surely know that a thin veneer of forced intergration will not solve the underlying problems. I am sorry that you have broken the southern lines in resistance to this political foot ball and feel that the majority of the citizens of your city must feel regret also.

A common thing throughout most of the South is "let's don't have another Atlanta." This is due to the fact that most Southerners feel that the officials of Atlanta have put money before principle and we do not care to live under those circumstances. I have heard quite a few citizens of Atlanta voice this same opinion.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert B. Parkes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "R".

Robert B. Parkes, D. D. S.

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