

Myrtle Beach, S.C.
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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
CITY OF ATLANTA
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mayor Allen:

After what you and Atlanta had just been through at the hands of Stokely Carmichael and what a Northern mayor, Robert Sabonjian of Waukegan, Illinois, so aptly described as his "scum", "animals", "hoodlums", et cetera it was shocking to listen to you as you joined Katzenbach, Johnson, Humphrey, Romney and the Kennedys in your post-riot statement before the TV cameras excusing if not justifying the actions of the mob because of the frustrations of the mob's members - - they having only recently moved into the city, - and their being unable to cope with its "complexities".

Your failing to order the City police to make liberal use of black powder in overcoming the exhibition of black power will serve only to whet the appetites of Carmichael and other leaders of the mob for bigger and better "demonstrations" by the lawless elements among the negroes and unless I miss my guess - - the next time the mob will blast your city with Molotov cocktails, arson, looting and anything else they can contrive. You should know better than non-residents of Atlanta - - that the element you are dealing with is the same type if not the same people who "picketted" your local U.S. Army Induction Stations some 10 days to 2 weeks ago.

I doubt - and very much - Mr. Mayor, if the "Harlem vote" is worth your effort at appeasement as exemplified by your post-riot statement as presented via the TV cameras this morning.

Very sincerely yours,

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