

September 30, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
Office of the Mayor  
Atlanta, Georgia

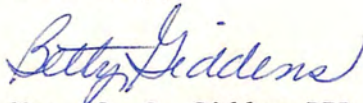
Dear Mayor Allen:

I would like you to know that I agree with your recent statement concerning the election of Lester Maddox. There must be many other Georgians who feel the same way about this situation and I'm glad you had the courage and forthrightness to put it into words for all of us.

May I also say that I admire you very much for the way you handled the recent unfortunate racial disturbances in Atlanta. With more capable, level-headed men like yourself in office, Georgia would be a better state and perhaps such political fiascos as the one mentioned above would not take place.

Thank you for adding to my pride in being a Georgian.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Betty Giddens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Mrs. C. C. Giddens III  
Gracewood, Ga.