

Campus View House #124
Bloomington, Indiana
August 1, 1963

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


My dear Mayor Allen:

Since reading about your efforts in Atlanta to ease the integration problem, I wanted you to know how very much I admire and respect your stand. As a white person born and raised in the South, I am fully aware of the criticism and pressure you undoubtedly have been under personally. I can only wish there were more Southern leaders...Northern, Eastern, and Western ones, too, for that matter...with the courage you have.

In paying tribute to your endeavors, I will say that you have helped the physically beautiful city of Atlanta to achieve the deeper beauty of integrity, tolerance and enlightenment. I would be very proud to live there!

My prayers will be with you as you continue your courageous work.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Donald P. Hilty