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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

Shortly after you became our mayor, we recall the tragic event that caused you to set aside your own personal grief and feelings of loss and fly overseas to attend to the business of being Mayor of Atlanta. Therefore we were not at all surprised, but merely proud when you again were found attending to the job as Mayor during the race melee the other night. This time you acted without regard to your personal safety and security.

Many of us wondered what our parts should have been in this, Ivan, but, not knowing, had to allow you to take the field alone in defence of the name and good reputation of our great city. Your presence at the site until there was no further cause for fear allowed the rest of us to accept the situation with confidence that what did result would result - the law supported and order restored.

We want you to convey our thanks to our fine police force who themselves could have been more secure in failing to retain constant control of the many and varied facets of such a situation. We all glory and are proud of the many compliments now given to you and them by such national figures as the Vice President.

If in any of the workings that will be required to prevent the influence of SNCC from again being effective in our city, please do not hesitate to call upon me in whatever fashion you think I might be able to serve.

Most sincerely yours,
Charles H. Smith
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