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Mr. Ivan Allen  
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My dear Mayor:

On yesterday, Thursday the 29th, I listenend with amazement to the television broadcast and read in the Washington Post this morning of your statement concerning the nomination of Mr. Lester Maddox as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Georgia.

While I am not a resident or a voter in your state, I cannot refrain, as a United States citizen and a voter of the State of North Carolina and one who all his life has been interested in and supported the Democratic party, from writing you to express my feelings with respect to your comments.

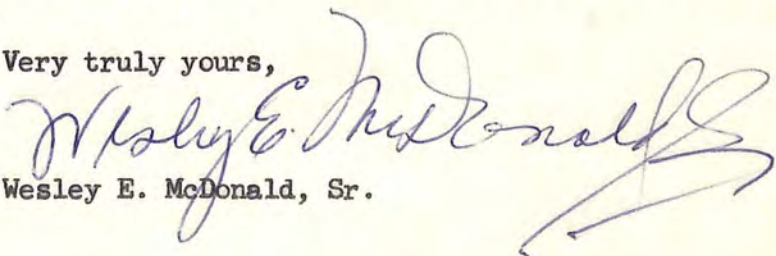
In my humble opinion, you have slandered and case unfair aspersions on the intelligence, sense and honesty of purpose of over 425,000 citizens of Georgia who cast their votes for Mr. Maddox.

It is unfortunate that a public official such as yourself would take such an attitude and speak out in the manner that you have in the face of the strong mandate of the voters expressing their choice.

Your hasty and unwarranted expressions give a new insight into your extreme views and you certainly have disqualified yourself from any further public service by such derogatory comments about your own citizens.

I shall look forward with pleasure and anticipation to the time when you next seek re-election as the mayor of the fine city of Atlanta in the sincere hope that the "idiots, rabblers, fools", etc. as you described them, will pass judgment on you.

Very truly yours,

  
Wesley E. McDonald, Sr.

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