

July 27, 1963.

The Hon. Ivan Allen,  
Mayor of City of Atlanta,  
Atlanta, Ga.,  
Sir:

Your name has been in the news recently in connection with Civil Rights. You, sir, must be either of two persons, you are not a dyed in the wool Southerner, or you have gone back on your raisin'. In either case, as far as I'm concerned, you've got that familiar smell of one who would sell his eternal soul for support from the minority.

If, by the grace of God, you were born in the South, you have <sup>evidently</sup> not read of Sherman's march to the sea.

Then, only physical harm was done, but now, the souls of men

have been put on the auction block of self-gratification. Germany had her Hitler, but our beloved South has thousands of Hodges, Clements, Griffins, plus "little fry" like yourself.

Better, you would stay down on your real level. You would be out of step higher up.

Yours truly,  
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