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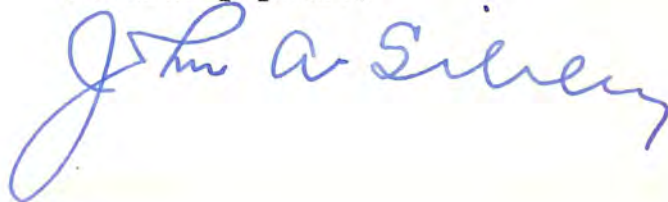
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The late Mr. Jack Spalding often made the remark that "blood counts". He applied this to race horses as well as to men. Your courageous leadership and action during the recent riot again evidences the truth of that statement.

When you met the rioters face to face and challenged their authority by saying " I am the boss here", you set a standard that reflects great credit upon you and your city and which will do much to put an end to the organized lawlessness that is so prevalent on the streets of our cities. You gave the law enforcement officers a type of support they deserve and needed and you gave to your citizens renewed confidence in your splendid leadership.

With kind regards and good wishes.

Cordially yours,



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