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Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

My Dear Mayor Allen:

This letter is not only to laud you for the great efforts you have shown in making Atlanta a place of harmony and providing a democratic government for all its people but to praise you for the great courage exemplified in the recent racial incident. You stood as a "Gulliver in the midst of the Lilliputians" or as an invulnerable man in the midst of enemies. You won your battle with courage as did David against Goliath.

Any rational person should be aware that the racial question is not one that will be solved over night in the minds and hearts of Negroes or whites. Neither will it be solved by violence. Consequently, Stokely Carmichael and S.N.C.C. should be ashamed of inciting riots that causes innocent black and white men to be injured and killed while they cowardly slip away completely unharmed. The Civil rights movement by no means should cease, but the tactics of S.N.C.C. are only impeding the progress of the Negro at a time when he is benefitted more than at any other time in the history of his existence in America.

Complimenting you again, we wish you to know that the actions of S.N.C.C. are not the consensus of the great majority of Negroes. There are many of us who still desire to become conscious contributors and lay aside the status of beneficiary and ward for that of a collaborator and participant in the American Civilization. We appreciate you greatly.

Sincerely,

Fred Ellis
Student of Morehouse College

