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The Honorable Ivan Allen Mayor, City of Atlanta Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I commend you for the stand you have taken in the recent race riots in the city of Atlanta . . for one thing, I admire your courage. If more of our public officials had the fortitude and courage of their convictions, and were willing to support the local police force, the race riots would have been halted long ago.

I further concur that the riots are promoted by outside agitators such as those connected with SNCC and other pro-communist organizations and not by the colored citizens of the respective areas. It is time our country, and our national leaders awakened to this fact before it is too late.

Again I commend you for your courage and convictions, and I know that the majority of the American citizens stand behind you.

Very truly yours,

T.G. Lee

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