

Mrs. Fred E. Johnston
2220 Avenue of the Stars, Los Angeles, California 90067

September 7th, 1966

Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Sir:

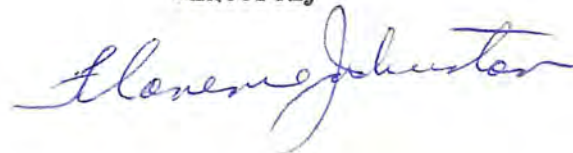
The pictures and stories on the front pages of our Los Angeles newspapers have given me hope to believe that there are some still left in our Country who have the moral courage of the men and women who struggled in earlier days to make America what it is.

It was foolhardy of you to charge into the middle of a riot scene - and I can not think of a single instance in modern times where an official of our government in any capacity has done so, -any one who was willing to be personally involved on the side of law and order.

I have listened to glowing reports of Atlanta from a friend of mine, Mr. Dan Haughton of Lockheed, and now I attribute much of what is happening there to its Mayor.

Earlier I said it was foolhardy of you, but thank you for giving a surge to my drooping spirits, I shall long remember the picture of a determined man, unafraid to stand up for what he believes his duty. But do be careful, there are not enough of such as you.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Florence Johnston". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, flowing "F" and "J".