

Rome, Georgia September 30, 1966.

Honorable I. Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta,  
  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen,-

Referring to your remarks on W.S.B. T.V. last evening regarding the choice of the people of our Great State of Georgia as well as the good people of your Great City, in their election of Mr. Lester Maddox to run for Governor of our great State, subject to the general election on November 8th 1966.

I don't think you realized at the time that you not only were downgrading Mr. Maddox, but the very people of your Great City who elected you to your present high office. I would like to say that the good people of Atlanta are not the "trash" that you indicated on T.V., neither are the good people of the State of Georgia. I am sure that Ex-Mayor Hartsfield would never have stooped so low as to do what you did,

I have always been a democrat and have always voted as such, but since the present conditions of our Great Country seems to be deteriorating under the democratic control, I am now looking toward the man or men running for public office, irrespective of whether they are republicans or democrats.

I voted for Mr. Maddox and unless Mr. Bob Calloway can show some decided improvement over Mr. Maddox, I SHALL VOTE FOR MR. MADDOX AGAIN. NOW - AM I TRASH JUST BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE THE MEN EXACTLY AS YOU SEE THEM.

Mr. Ellis Arnall is a second cousin by blood, but when he said on T.V. that "ANYONE THAT WAS NOT THE KIND OF DEMOCRAT THAT HE WAS COULD 'GO TO HELL'" So he lost the election.

Mr. Allen, your influence has been badly damaged and you did it yourself by your remarks about Mr. Maddox and the very people who gave you your high office.

I believe, if you want to be fair, that after you have thought your way through all this, your apology to Mr. Maddox and the good people of Georgia might help some, but even this is doubtful.

Yours truly  
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