

September 15, 1966

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

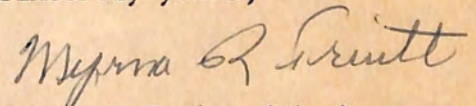
Dear Mayor Allen:

Congratulations on your handling of the recent riots in Atlanta. As a former Atlantan living in Boston, I am able to make comparisons between the two cities.

However wrong Stokely Carmichael may be when making inflammatory statements, his remarks can carry weight only when people are motivated to listen--and poverty, unemployment, and police brutality are strong motivators. I believe that these conditions exist in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Atlanta is far out in front because of the biracial dialogue that has developed, but even this was not developed overnight, and I can recall when Martin Luther King's viewpoint was considered "radical" by Atlanta's ruling bodies.

Please continue the good work you are doing, but please remember that although Stokeley Carmichael's views have been distorted, perhaps by his own milieu, the seeds of truth created them and the resulting riots.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Myrna R. Truitt".

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