3211 SANDUSKY DRIVE DECATUR, GEORGIA SEPTEMBER 14, 1966

MAYOR IVAN ALLEN CITY HALL ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEAR MAYOR ALLEN:

IT HAS BEEN NOTED BY THE PUBLIC, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHERE YOU DID A COUR-AGEOUS THING IN GOING AMONG YOUR SUBJECTS DURING A RECENT PUBLIC DISORDER.

You are to be commended for this bit of gallantry above and beyond the call of duty, and I do not feel as some have implied this act was politically motivated. I honestly feel that you are acting in the best interest of all concerned. But there is one thing I am unable to understand and that is why you would pussy foot around with this groupe of people when you must realize no amount of talking will do any good. Perhaps I am wrong, but I am of the opinion the only thing these people will understand is force.

ALSO IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A \$10.000 REWARD HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF A NEGRO BOY. THIS I FEEL IS GOOD, BUT WOULD THE SAME THING HAVE HAPPENED IF A WHITE BOY HAD BEEN SHOT. ALSO ONE OF THE ATLANTA POLICEMAN WAS SHOT, BUT VERY LITTLE HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THIS, WHY?

MR. MAYOR, I AM ALL FOR LAW AND ORDER AND I DO NOT BELIEVE IN HATE GROUPS, BUT I DO BELIEVE A PERSON BLACK OR WHITE SHOULD EARN THE RIGHT TO BE RESPECTED. I DO NOT BELIEVE IN FREE HANDOUTS LIKE THE POVERTY PROGRAM, WELFARE, ETC. EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES. AND LIKE MANY OTHER PEOPLE, I FEEL THE FEDERAL COVERNMENT HAS ENCOURAGED VIOLENCE AND ANARCHY FOR SINSTER PURPOSES BY REMANING SILENT. THIS I KNOW YOU HAVE NO CONTROL OVER AND I AM SURE YOU WANT NO PART OF THIS SINSTER PLAN, IF PLAN IT IS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Harold C. Hudson