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Atlanta, Ga. 30307

*Civil rights
Do not reply*

March 6, 1967

Mayor Ivan Allen
City of Atlanta, Georgia
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mayor:-

With reference to President Johnson's new Civil Rights message to the Congress you are reported in the press as having sent him a telegram "I pledge you my full support for the program and the legislative proposals, and I am glad to furnish whatever help I may be in seeing that it is passed etc".

The President on his Pedernales ranch and appendages (some 15,000 acres) is assured of shelter from the provisions of the proposed legislation. State parks are being developed to further protect his privacy. When he goes to Austin he probably meets his friends in exclusive clubs.

You too probably live in a non-integrated neighborhood and I doubt that your neighbors would welcome an integrated apartment house. I am certain that neither the Capital City club nor the Piedmont Driving club would approve your proposing and sponsoring negro members. Just how would "open housing" affect your social contacts or the education of your grandchildren? You and the President, because of your financial resources can enjoy the immunities you seek to deny to the great middle class. We too have standards.

Not many social workers have the honesty to do as Hector Black (a white Harvard graduate) who, with his family, lives in Vine City among the people he seeks to help.

Politics not only makes for strange bedfellows as witness the President's voting record as a senator, but it also breeds hypocrisy.

Respectfully,

G. N. Boesinger
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