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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr. City Hall Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

I want to be counted among those who stand squarely behind you in your handling of the present emergency. Every one of us who has the privilege of calling you friend undoubtedly is tremendously proud of your conduct during this crisis. You have exhibited a level head, extraordinary courage, and dedication. You have had the courage to face the problem and to face the trouble makers on their own ground. We are all very, very proud of your actions.

I have read of the Vice President calling you. I would feel a lot better about him if he hadn't stood up in New Orleans and encouraged just the sort of thing that has happened here. It occurs to me that he has been trying to carry water on both shoulders. Nevertheless, realize we are all with you and proud of you.

Sincerely yours.

C. C. Covey

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