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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
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Dear Ivan:

As I have been aware of the recent racial situation in Atlanta I first want to say that you have gone far beyond the call of duty in trying to help straighten things out. In fact, you have exposed yourself too much, even though what you have done was something that you could not avoid.

Today I was going through some old files and found the attached copy of a story in the U. S. News & World Report issue of August 19, 1963. Chances are you read about this interview when it came out.

Also attached are copies of letter to me from Senator Richard B. Russell dated August 25, 1965, letter from Senator Herman E. Talmadge dated August 27, 1965 and the Congressional Records dated August 5 and 16, 1965, numbers 143 and 150.

The negro situation is bad and may not even be straightened out but it seems to me that asking the cooperation and help of all top grade negroes, such as S. B. Fuller, might be an answer. In other words, sound thinking, educated negroes have asserted themselves in a great many instances and if a national movement could be started calling on the negro business man, educators, etc., might do a lot of good.

It is evident that Katzenbach <sup>Johnson-Humphrey and others are</sup> ~~is~~ not helping any because they certainly have a one track mind in favor of the so called down-trodden negro but if somebody in high office, a man like Senator Dirksen, could introduce a bill or do something that would appeal to outstanding negro citizens—a solution might be brought about <sup>or help to some degree —</sup>

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Just thought I would write you this note and hope that you  
will think well of it.

Sincerely,



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