

December 18, 1967

Rev. Andrew W. Blackwood, Jr.
Covenant Presbyterian Church
2461 Peachtree Road N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Reverend Blackwood:

I have your letter of December 12th addressed to the Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.

This department began employing Negro police in 1948 and today 14% of the total personnel are Negro and they are assigned to all divisions in the department.

All qualified Negroes who have made application in recent years, have been examined and certified by the city's personnel department and employed by this department.

The assignment and promotion of all police personnel is the responsibility of the Chief of Police. I depend heavily on the advice of other superiors of this department including other Negro superior officers. We make every effort to assign every officer to where the need is the greatest and the officer can do the best job.

We have a Recruit class of new police officers who will be in training for five weeks, starting January 1st, which will include both white and Negro officers. We would be delighted to have you speak to this class for about 40 to 50 minutes on race relations if your busy schedule will permit it. Supt. J. L. Tuggle (a good Presbyterian Elder) is in charge of our training program. I will ask him to contact you and schedule your appearance at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

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Supt. J. L. Tuggle
Walter J. Tuggle

H. Jenkins
Chief of Police