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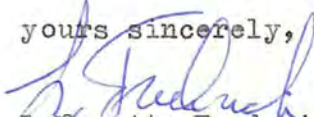
The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

The hope is that you will have received so many letters of commendation and praise for the noble and magnificent manner in which you wore the mantle of Mayor and Concerned Citizen, during the much deplored turmoil of recent hours here in our city, that it will be impossible for you to read them all, including this one. Throughout these seasons of social disturbances and conflict no other mayor in any of the cities of our country where these conditions have manifested themselves has so unflinchingly responded to the call for courageous, calm, responsible and forthright leadership. Your performance represents a precedence that is unlikely to be equalled. Any and all expressions of praise and gratitude are richly deserved. I can see how your actions, without regard for personal safety but convincingly in the interest of public safety and social progress, should considerably enhance your number of friends and supporters. I cannot see how your demonstration of concern and goodwill should bring you any new foes.

Along with these commendations may I offer this suggestion. Although the duties of your office are many and the demands on your time are great, it would be helpful if regular informal visits, as time permits, could be made to the more poverty-stricken areas of our city to talk to and listen to the man on the street corner, the lady on the porch, or the child in the yard. This would evidence further interest, concern and identity with all of Atlanta's people.

yours sincerely,


Lafayette Frederick
Atlanta Citizen



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