

Bekenu, Miri, Sarawak
August 10, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

Sitting on the floor of the communal porch of a native Day longhouse in the jungle of Sarawak I have just been reading my latest arrival of mail. This includes the August 1st edition of the "Manchester Guardian Weekly" with an article which quotes your statement to the Senate Commerce Committee hearings on Civil Rights.

I feel proud to know that some of our responsible American leaders such as yourself are willing to speak out so forthrightly on as difficult a situation as Civil Rights. Knowing little of your situation except that you are Mayor of Atlanta I expect it takes considerable courage to speak as you do and I want you to know that you have my personal appreciation and prayers.

Sincerely,
Andy E. Powers
U. S. PEACE CORPS Volunteer