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Local Governments Are In Trouble

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It is not the most popular thing to say in some quarters but the hard truth is that local governments in Georgia and elsewhere must consolidate and modernize or see their strength and influence further diminished.

Paradoxically it is often those who profess to be supporters of local government who are contributing the most to its decline.

A recent report by an independent committee listed 80,000 local governments in the United States. This number, the experts say, should be reduced, perhaps as much as 80 per cent.

The truth of the matter is that power has gravitated to federal and state governments because local governments simply could not or have not coped with the problems of a modern society.

One reason for the failure of local governments is simply that they are too small, too poor and, in some cases, too inefficient to get the job done.

In theory the best government is that which is closest to the people. But this concept breaks down when local governmental units fail to function properly.

It has become increasingly clear in recent years that many local government services should be merged in the interest both of economy and efficiency and that, in some cases, consolidation of governments is called for.

This view, of course, meets with stout resistance from some local officials. But streamlining is inevitable if local governments are to survive.

Chuckling With Ye Editor

We laugh at some jokes and gag at others.

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The Atlanta Riot

Georgians respect and admire the cool courage of Atlanta Mayor Ivan Allen, who walked fearlessly into the midst of a rioting Negro mob in an effort to bring order out of chaos.

Even the wildest of the SNICK crowd, even the most bloodthirsty, recognized the bravery of Mayor Allen. And even the most irresponsible of white extremists, who would condemn all Negroes for the Atlanta riot, must have admiration for the mayor.

It is not difficult to figure out what happened. SNICK had been losing prestige and contributions had fallen off dramatically. It is said that suddenly the civil rights organization found itself in the money again. But it was tainted money: possibly from Havana or Moscow or Peking.

In any event, key SNICK people were in Atlanta, spoiling for an excuse to blow the town apart. Demonstrations before an Army induction center failed to capture the imagination of the young Negroes needed to demonstrate. Then a white policeman shot a known Negro criminal seeking to escape. **Quicker than you could say, "Black power," SNICK went into action.**

A mindless mob gathered and, like sheep, followed the admonitions of SNICK professionals. People and cars were stoned. A great deal of damage was done. Mayor Allen climbed to the top of a car to ask for peace, and was shaken off. Police had to use tear gas and fire into the air to regain control.

Just as it is not hard to understand what happened, so it is not difficult to predict what will happen in the future. **There will be other incidents used as excuses for riots and destructive demonstrations.**

These must be put down and order restored as quickly as possible. But responsible Negro citizens must help in this, and white people must understand that this help is badly needed.

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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
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The Prayer For Today

From The Upper Room

Bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. (Luke 15:23-24)

Prayer: Our Father, in humblessness we come confessing our sins and looking to Thee for forgiveness. Restore in us the joy of Thy salvation, and help us that we may no more cut ourselves off from Thee. Grant our petitions, we beseech Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Trouble In Atlanta

(From The Greensboro Watchman)

We are sad over the racial outbreak in Atlanta, but we are hiding our feelings very nicely, thank you. We are sad because a riot such as this should never happen south of Mason and Dixon's Line. It was a vicious attack on the entire white community when the mayor, pleading for peace, was dragged from the top of an automobile with shouts of "Down with the white bastard." It is to be remembered that this same mayor of Atlanta is generally recognized as a moderate if not an integrationist, and he is the man who is supposed to be telling the rest of us how to behave.

In spite of our laments, we are thus happy to add that if it had to happen in the South, we are glad that it happened in Atlanta. Atlanta has been breaking itself at the seams of late, as the integrationist capital of the South, boasting about how it could handle its racial problems when no one else could do it. Those who had any doubts about this Atlanta buncombe had only to peel back a thin veneer of advertising, and where the whites have refused to do this, the Negroes by their latest riot have done it for them. "Black power" is just as destructive in Atlanta as it is in St. Augustine or Birmingham.

If the liberal Atlanta press would just concern itself with the truth, it would reveal that what now happens in Atlanta is quite as bad, and perhaps a bit more vicious, than what happened in Selma last year. The chief difference is that in Atlanta, a lot of local police and local people got involved in the picture, while in Selma, the local whites stayed wonderfully out of the troubles, and let the state handle the job. The limited use of tear gas on a public highway which the Negro demonstrators refused to leave was the worst thing that happened in Selma during that riot. On the other hand, in Atlanta the local police routed the Negroes in a militant assault, led by their own mayor, by invading their private homes with tear gas and other weapons.

We point to Atlanta now as living truth that the liberals and the militants of the North have only the vaguest idea of the truth. They look upon the people of the South and especially those of Alabama, as some strange creatures who do not know how to behave. They refuse to accept the one irrevocable fact, and that is that the current disruption between the races is not confined to geography, and that when the same challenges are tossed in New England, the reactions are identical with those when these challenges are tossed in Alabama. The principal difference is that down here we have lived with the crisis for generations, and we know the truth where the North binds itself to it. We know from experience; the North suffers from its total ignorance, and Atlanta is merely a part of the North at the moment.

Hazards For The Trustful

THOMAS MASTERSON • 873 NORTH SUPERIOR AVENUE • DECATUR, GEORGIA 30033

September 17, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter is to record my admiration of your magnificent behavior during the recent racial disturbances in Atlanta. I felt a deep sense of admiration for your courage and your wisdom in your handling of the matter. No mayor in America has come close to your record.

We are facing deep trouble as the racial troubles easily remediable are dealt with, while we are left with much more serious problems--problems that will take years and decades to work out. It will call for courage and wisdomto be a municipal leader in the coming years, and I feel fortunate that you have given other mayors a model on which to mold their own behavior.

Good luck and best wishes, Mr. Allen.

Sincerely,
Thomas Masterson

September 17, 1966

My dear Mayor Allen, -

May I add my small voice to the hundreds of others who have commended you so highly for your courageous stand and exemplary handling of the recent racial disturbances.

Atlanta has become known as one of the most progressive cities not only in the South but in the nation because of your capable administration and forward thinking.

People throughout the five-county metropolitan area sincerely appreciate your efforts and will lend you full support as this city continues to face up to its problems. As each one moves closer to solution, Atlanta takes another step forward toward being one of the very finest cities in the country to live in for each individual regardless of race, color or creed.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely Yours,

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EDITORIALS: Allen Showed Deep And Abiding Sense Of Responsibility

Cobb Countians who have held a dim regard for Atlanta's Mayor Ivan Allen for several reasons, including a possible land grab across the river into Cobb, did some second-guessing last week and must have come to the conclusion that "Ivan ain't that Terrible."

The forthright, scrappy, Atlanta-building Mayor Allen proved his mettle twice in a row against formidable foes and earned nationwide recognition of his civic and political courage.

Ivan Allen demonstrated a deep and abiding sense of responsibility that reflected the heritage from Ivan Allen, Sr., a Whitfield County lad who came to Atlanta around the turn of the century and built one of the city's leading businesses, became a civic and political leader, and now has retired to an honored and respected senior citizenship.

There were two phases of this "Horatius at the Bridge" stand by Ivan Allen, Jr. The first came when the mayor met head-on the angry challenge of a firefighters' union associated with the dreaded Jimmy Hoffa of the Teamsters, an outfit that plays rough.

Allen and his City of Atlanta associates banned from the Fire Department those who would not work unless granted an immediate pay raise which Allen was unable to give legally, and the city began recruiting new personnel to fill the gap.

Then, stalking impassively into the midst of an excited crowd of Negroes incited by Snick agents, Ivan Allen proved that bravery and dauntless courage form the most effective shield against danger. Into the teeth of the mob, the Mayor threw back the challenge to civic responsibility that must be met if first-class citizenship is to be claimed. And he won. The promoters of the riot, leaders of Snick (SNCC), face serious charges and their organization has been abandoned and repudiated by calmer members of the Negro community.

Only one more big fight needs to be won by Mayor Allen for a clean sweep of the civic honors, and in this one he is somewhat stymied by two obstinate forces--the contractors on one hand and the carpenters' union on the other hand. He has no effective control over either side--only peaceful persuasion and sound argument.

For nearly four months Atlanta building has been halted by the stubborn dispute, and such projects as the new auditorium are peopled only by lone and tired pickets. Meanwhile, the economic-financial tight-money crisis has cut off the arteries feeding new money into the building field, and carpenters who eventually may go to work under a new agreement possibly can find that there will be no work after the current projects are finished, simply because inflation and tight-money have combined to cut off many new jobs.

When and if the mayor wins this one by causing work to be resumed, he indeed will have rivaled the feat of mighty Bobby Jones in effecting a "grand slam."

P. S. -- HOLD THE PRESSES! There was a slight backset over the week-end, to the Ivan Allen triumph in the racial unrest, when Negro rioting flared up in the Georgia Baptist Hospital area on Boulevard.

This mob scene occurred in the heart of the Great Atlanta Fire disaster section of five decades ago, an area razed by flames. The area was rebuilt into an apartment-dominated residential region that in time passed through the usual phases of decline and decadence, until it became filled to overflowing with the colored population pushed by Urban Renewal and other factors, and now it rates as a new ghetto or slum area.

Whether the Allen-brought peace will endure remains to be determined, as calls go up for fresh demonstrations.

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Mr, Ivan Allen, Sr.
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Memo

To Mr. Ivan Allen, Senior

Maybe you can use this extra copy of Bill Kinney's editorial in his Smyrna Herald.

Jim Daniell

J. J. Daniell

Sept. 16, 1966

Marietta, Ga

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Katzenbach Skirts Demand To Prosecute Carmichael

9-14-66 Advance Morning News

By ROBERT S. ALLEN and PAUL SCOTT

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Katzenbach has a "Black Panther" by the tail and doesn't know whether to try to bell it or let go.

The militant "cat" is Stokley Carmichael, 25-year-old organizer of the Black Panther Negro Party and the head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. (SNCC).

A group of Ohio legislators led by Representatives Robert Sweeney, D, and Wayne Hays, D, both strong civil right advocates, have bluntly notified Katzenbach to either end his vacillating on Carmichael or they will go directly to President Johnson and demand forceful action.

For more than a month the lawmakers have bombarded the attorney general with letters, telephone calls and telegrams urging prosecution of Carmichael for telling Cleveland Negroes to defy the Selective Service law and not register for the draft.

But Katzenbach has done nothing.

All Sweeney and Hays have gotten from him is a polite brush-off over the phone and form letters signed by aides that Katzenbach had their correspondence.

Stil unanswered is a letter citing Carmichael's inflammable anti-draft statements and urging his prosecution as a deliberate law violator.

"We wish to draw your attention to the fact that Stokley Carmichael made an appearance in Cleveland recently in an effort to sitr up sentiment against the war in Viet Nam," the legislators wrote. "As part of his presentation, Carmichael counseled his audience, in excess of 500, that they should absolutely refuse to comply with the provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act."

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CITING THE LAW — Flatly branding Carmichael as "a dangerous American who appears on the scene with the obvious purpose of fomenting riots in our cities," the Ohioans continued:

"We are advised that the penal provisions of the Universal Military Training and Service Act . . . do apply against such persons as Carmichael who would undertake to not only ridicule the military, but to counsel others to avoid compliance with the orders of the Selective Service System.

"Accordingly, we are requesting that the Department of Justice forthwith commence proceedings of a criminal nature, applying the penal provisions of the draft law against Carmichael.

"As members of Congress, we have sensed that action of a criminal nature would have been initiated long ago were it not for the fact that this individual has been parading about the land masquerading as a supposed civil rights leader. We are of the opinion that if left unchecked by the government, such dangerous Americans as Carmichael could and will promote riots of sizable dimension in our cities and succeed in the development of a pattern of anarchy in many parts of the land."

Should Katzenbach continue to ignore their insistence that Carmichael be prosecuted, the legislators will seek a congressional probe.

"The Carmichael case involves much more than just one person advocating defiance of the draft law," says Representative Sweeney. "The question is whether the attorney general is practicing a double standard of justice; one for civil rights violators and another for civil rights leaders who violate the law."

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Hon. Joan Allen.
Atlanta Ga

am attaching hereto clipping from Savannah Morning News 9-14-66. you may already have this information if not may be of value if the court suit that is mentioned there.
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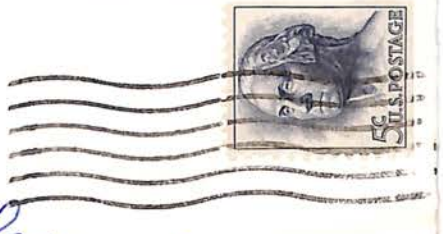
Yours
D.T. Durden SR



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MRS. H. W. BARNES
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The Honourable Ivan Allen
Mayor Atlanta Georgia

My dear Mr Allen -

As a neighbor may I congratulate you on the position you took in the Case unfortunate Racial affair in Atlanta - You have been more than fair to our Coloured citizenry, and the attitude taken, by a few, was totally unfair. We need stanch courageous leaders

MRS. H. W. BARNES
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Just a note to tell you we thought you were most courageous last week. May God Bless you.

We are Decatur residents; Basically we are all alike, with same emotions and drives, some-day maybe all mankind will learn to live in peace. People such as you will bring this a long way.

Sincerely, Mrs. J.W. O'Donnell

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The Hon. Mayor, Ivan Allen,
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Dear Mayor Allen

Congratulations and best wishes during this trying time.

You have certainly had more than your share of trouble recently but we have seen a real MAN in action during all of it.

Our prayers are with you as you lead our city through these trying days.

Your Presbyterian Friend
John Matteson Jr.
North Avenue Presbyterian Church

9/8/66

Dear Sir:

Your commonsense wisdom and courage in the face of recent riots have demonstrated a statesmanship not usually observed in holders of political office. Such leadership restores faith in our system of government.

You have my deep admiration.

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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

Atlanta, Ga.

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

We were most impressed with your personal involvement, bravery and devotion to Atlanta during the disturbances a couple of nights ago. We have just returned to the area after living in Cleveland, Ohio for a year. We were so proud of Atlanta and extolled its charms to our many friends in Cleveland, and on Tuesday night you showed the world why we have reason for our pride.

We have always been supportes of the Negroes' quest for better opportunity and equal treatment, but we deplore the recent turn of events toward a lawless solution. Our lovely city has been an example for all to see of how these changes can be wrought without squelching the opportunities of any one group. We hope, as you do, that there willbe no more such occurrences here.

Yours very truly,

Frances Millians

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CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR HAVING THE GUTS TO JAIL CARMICHAEL.

MAYBE IT WILL INSPIRE OTHER MAYORS TO KEEP THE GOOD WORK GOING

AND STOP ALL OF THIS FOOLISHNESS

MR AND MRS WALTER L WEST

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THE HON IVAN ALLEN JR, MAYOR OF ATLANTA

CITY OF ATLANTA ATLA

DEAR SIR DETERMINED EFFORT TO MAINTAIN LAW AND ORDER IN OUR CITY HAS AGAIN BEEN DEMONSTRATED. AT GREAT PERSONAL RISK TO YOURSELF YOU STOOD FIRM IN THE FACE OF VIOLENCE AND EXEMPLIFIED THE TRUE LEADERSHIP THAT HAS MADE OUR COUNTRY GREAT. WE ADMIRE YOUR COURAGE AND OUR PRAYERS ARE THAT OTHERS OF ALL RACES WILL BENEFIT FROM OUR EXAMPLE

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Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia.

To a Great Man

330 Pat Mell Rd SW.
Townhouse B-3
Marietta, Georgia
September 7, 1966.

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I congratulate you (and send my best wishes to you) for your actions in the riot yesterday. I admire you deeply, and wish there were more leaders like you in the nation — reasonable, well-balanced, and brave, — dedicated to the welfare of his city and with the moral and physical courage such dedication needs.

From the North (as of a few months ago) I have not known the race problem as Southerners have known it. The only colored people I've known have been my daughter's voice teacher and her friends — the teacher I've come to love as a dear friend. Consequently, negroes to me are not "fugitives from the jungle" as one acquaintance calls them but our friends of mine, as my white friends are.

But, of course, not all colored people are as fine as Miss Capers (the teacher) as all my white friends are not typical of all white people. What we all must strive for is to be "color blind" as you are, and what we all must do is to judge each person on his merits as a person, not on the quantity of melanin in his skin.

You are not only taking good care of a city I've come to love and enjoy, but you are setting an example that a nation can well watch, copy, and strive to equal.

Sincerely yours,

Alma Heflin McCormick
(Mrs. Archie T. E. McCormick)

2356 Old Stone Mt Rd
Chamblee, Ga
September 8, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen,

As new residents of Atlanta may we just say how proud we were of your handling of the race riots. The honest effort made by you and the courage shown makes us very proud. It restores our faith in men, (that all office holders are just not interested in themselves). We certainly are proud to have you as our mayor, vitally concerned about the people of Atlanta!

Sincerely
Mr & Mrs Wm. R Warwick

September 12, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen:

A note of thanks for your excellent representation of our city during recent troubled days. It makes us so proud to have a mayor who actively tries to ease the situation. I'm sure the large majority of Atlanta's citizens admire and respect you for your courageous stand.

Here's hoping Atlanta can soon return to normalcy and I'm sure your actions will help this day arrive speedily.

Thank you again for being a mayor of the people-

Irene M. Mann

MRS. GUS W. MANN
601 Willivee Drive
Decatur, Georgia

JAMES M. SMITH
2070 SYLVANIA DRIVE
DECATUR, GEORGIA 30033 September 12

Dear Mayor Allen:

As a resident of Greater Atlanta since 1948 I want to express my gratitude and admiration for your recent calm, moderate and courageous action. This makes me all the more sorry that, as a non-resident of Atlanta itself, I have not been able to vote for you.

Sincerely,

James M. Smith

245 Riverside Drive
Athens, Georgia
September 13, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta

Dear Mayor Allen:

This is merely to express to you a sincere thank-you for your leadership and bravery during these days of crisis. You have the gratitude of countless people who feel that your presence in the midst of hatred and violence has soothed troubled waters and lessened the dangers which are omni-present. All that you have said and done without any regard for your own safety or even popularity has been inspirational and almost unbelievable.

2/ Our thoughts and prayers are with you in your leadership and true service to the people of the world.

Sincerely,

Jane Cocke Perdue

(Mrs. Roland P. Perdue, III)

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Hon Ivan Allen Mayor
City of Atlanta.
Atlanta Ga

c/o Mayors
Office

347 Peabody St
Athens Ga 30601
Sept 13- 1966

Hon Ivan Allen mayor,

Dear Mr Mayor,

You and the other City officials of Atlanta have bent over backwards trying to give the negro citizens a fair deal, and you deserve the respects of every citizen in the state for doing a good job under difficult circumstances.

So now I would not risk my life and health to go out begging, then to act like a civilized people. So if I were you I would call for enough State help to crush this mess at once. They dont have enough respect for you to call you even Mr Allen.

Your city and state dont need this reputation from a band of mear savages.

The world was not made in one day. The negroes are cutting their own throats.

Resp

Zuiney B. Powell

98 Wills Drive
Alpharetta, Georgia 30201

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Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

LAWSON L. PATTEN
LAKELAND, GEORGIA 31635
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Dear Ivan:

Congratulations on your common-sense approach to the solution of the No. 1 problem facing America today.

This problem was not created by either you or President Johnson, yet the people are looking to both of you for the solution.

In 1865 the people in the North said, "The negro is now ready for citizenship. At the same time

the people in the South said, "The negro is not ready for citizenship and never will be."

Like a cancer - this problem has been growing every day for the last 100 years. As no one doctor - nor all of the doctors collectively - can cure cancer - neither you or Johnson or all of the executives at all levels of government can remove overnite the hazards of neglect that have been accumulating for more than a century.

Congratulations on your diagnosis and treatment.

Sincerely

Lawson.

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The Sunday Star

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WASHINGTON, D. C., SEPTEMBER 11, 1966

Dead End Awaits the Black Power Road

EDITORIAL

The arrest of Stokely Carmichael and two of his SNCC lieutenants on charges of inciting last week's riot in Atlanta may mark a turning point in what appears to be a struggle for supremacy between the moderate and the extremist elements in the civil rights movement.

The importance of the decision by Atlanta's Mayor Allen, who has taken a strong lead in behalf of Negro rights, lies in one simple fact. Public officials, assuming that the requisite proof is in hand, must be willing to prosecute a Carmichael or anyone else where a serious offense is involved. If for a political reason or some other reason they will not take firm action against a leader, how can they expect those in the lower echelons to respect and obey the law? And, of at least equal importance, why should anyone suppose that the moderate civil rights leaders will speak out and act against violence if the civil authorities are unwilling to do so?

This is a testing year, a year in which events may determine whether good sense or "black power" in its extreme manifestations will carry the day. It will be tragic if, because of weak knees in city hall, it should be made to appear that the rock-thrower and the Molotov cocktail are the wave of the future.

There is risk of oversimplification in discussing the moderate as opposed to the extremist wings. There is good reason to believe that a very large majority of Negroes do not support and are even opposed to the extremist tactics. This does not necessarily mean, however, that all moderates will condemn the extremists out of hand. Some of them may even derive a certain vicarious satisfaction from the excesses of a Carmichael or an Adam Clayton Powell, even though they know in their hearts that an appeal to black power, for example, can eventually lead only to a dead-end street as far as any permanent advancement of civil rights is concerned.

'Trouble I got, man—what I want is progress!'

In this connection, it is interesting to note the results of a recent survey conducted by a respected polling agency in Watts, Harlem, Chicago and Baltimore. The questions were asked by trained Negro pollsters. And the responses revealed that most Negroes, even in the ghettos, want pretty much the same things that most white people want. They want better housing. Not surprisingly, since they are the principal victims, they are worried about crime, and they are more interested in adequate police protection than in talk about police brutality. They want their children to have a sound, disciplined education. In Harlem only 2 percent of those interviewed said that school integration was their greatest problem. The real educational problem, in the majority opinion, is the pressing need for better neighborhood schools.

Again, a cautionary note is in order. It does not necessarily follow from the survey findings that most of the people in the ghettos are against violence in pursuit of their reasonable objectives. In Watts, for example, 48.4 percent of those interviewed think the rioting there helped their chances for equality in jobs, schools and housing. Only 23.8 percent believe the rioting was harmful to attainment of this objective.

The obvious inference from this is that the demagogue, the racist-in-reverse, will find his best opportunity in the ghettos and that this is why he makes his major pitch there. It should be borne in mind, however, that the ghetto is not synonymous with the Negro community in the United States. Many Negroes do not live in ghettos. The moderate Negro leader, however, has a responsibility to help alleviate the conditions in the ghetto. And he also has a responsibility to stand up and be counted in opposition to those who seek to exploit the distress in the ghettos for purposes of their own—from motives which are at best dubious and which in the long run can only retard the drive of the Negro for his equal and rightful place in the American society.

Here in Washington, the investigation of last month's trouble in the Anacostia area is a case in point.

That affair, involving a clash between Negroes and police, has been under study by a group of prominent citizens appointed by Commissioner Tobriner. Its co-chairman is Sterling Tucker, a respected Negro leader.

The study group has reached no conclusions. In fact, it is just beginning the job of drafting its report. Yet Adam Clayton Powell, whose position in Congress entitles one to expect something better from him, has charged into print with the accusation that the investigation is a "whitewash" and that the committee has too many "mild-mannered Negroes." Following this lead, Julius Hobson, who heads the group known as ACT, paid his respects to "pasteurized Negroes" on the committee who, he said, would sell other Negroes short "for a few pieces of silver." To the extent that anyone in Washington takes Powell and Hobson seriously, this sort of demagogic prejudgment is as harmful as it is outrageous. And it should not be allowed to go unchallenged.

Although not aimed specifically at the Powell-Hobson combination, the executive board of the District chapter of the NAACP has just approved a resolution which is a reflection of responsible thinking by moderate leadership.

The resolution, offered by H. Carl Moultrie, president of the local branch, said that the NAACP "must condemn with equal vigor the gathering of crowds to protest the arrest of an individual, or individuals, as it does any form of police brutality." If witnesses think the police are guilty of brutality in making an arrest, the resolution continued, there are appropriate avenues, including the NAACP, through which corrective action can be sought. But "violence on the part of a person, or persons, or groups of persons, must be unequivocally condemned." The resolution ended with an expression of hope that "all other organizations do the same as we in calling for law and order."

So far the call from other organizations has been considerably less than deafening. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, however, has just denounced "black power" in any context of violence. As the struggle within the civil rights movement shapes up, and if public authorities follow Atlanta's example in cracking down on violence and incitement to violence, the country should hear before long from other moderate voices.

For if one thing is clear, it is that future progress in civil rights depends upon co-operation within the framework of law by whites and Negroes whose dedication to equal treatment and equal opportunity is genuine rather than opportunistic. If anyone doubts this, let him look at what is happening to the 1966 civil rights bill in the Senate.

There certainly is nothing to be gained in the future by following those who think or who pretend to think of progress in terms of black power, and who talk nonsense about burning down the city to get what they want.

An important thing for everyone to remember is that gains can be lost. And one way to reverse the national mood which has produced so many very substantial civil rights gains is to enlist an army under the racist banner of hotheads who want the Negro to go it alone.

9/13/66

Dear Ivan —

This is just a note to tell you that John and I have been thinking of you this past week.

You have ~~showed~~ shown much courage, and it must not be easy facing the deplorable situation at hand — especially after your past record of all

you have ~~striven~~ striven to do in that ~~both~~ behalf. Their, I should say, 29 must be most disenchanting, to say the least.

We know how it all must upset not only you — but Louise as well. (I limit this to you & ~~of~~ her purposely.)

We regret all of this tragic mess for everyone's sake — in particular for ~~yours~~ you!

Our love to you and Louise,

'Tardly,'

JANE

419 East St. Julian
Savannah, Ga.

P. O. Box 2151
Valdosta, Georgia
September 8, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Though I have many times disagreed with some of the stands you have taken I want to write you and commend you on your actions during the recent Vine Section riot.

If there is one thing I admire in a man it is courage and you displayed as much of this as any man could ever be called upon to show.

My deepest congratulations on how you conducted yourself during this messy situation.

Very truly yours,

Earl T. Mayo
EARL T. MAYO

EMORY BASS
112 GEORGIA AVENUE
VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

Sept. 8, 1966

Hon. IVAN ALLEN, Mayor,
City of Atlanta, Ga.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Ivan:

I want to join your host of friends and law-abiding Georgians in commending you for your courageous and timely action in handling the uncalled for rioting in Atlanta.

It is past time to put a stop to such violence, lawlesness and demonstrations in the country and I think you have set a fine example that should be emulated by other Mayors and state officials - and the federal government too.

More power to you.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Emory

EMORY P. BASS
Ex-Mayor.

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Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

It has been my privilege to watch the progress Atlanta has made in its race relationship during your tenure of office. We can point with pride to our success in Columbus also, but, Atlanta, being such a large city, would naturally be more in the national scene than Columbus and it has certainly been noticeable over the country that Atlanta has had progress on such an amicable basis.

It is not my personal opinion that the Negro citizens in Atlanta are to blame for this outburst. The source of the trouble is far more basic. It is certainly the fault of the powers who countenance such demonstrations and actually encourage them.

We wish you every success in your progressive program.

With best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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September 8, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

All Georgia is proud of you.

I understand that John Davis, Congressman of the Seventh District, in a talk a day or so ago, spoke of Stokely Carmichael as the most dangerous man in the country, and I rather agree with him.

Yours sincerely,

Wilson

Wilson M. Hardy

H:p

City of Savannah
Georgia

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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ALDERMAN

September 8, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I know how you feel. You have my deepest sympathy.

Sincerely,

Mac

Malcolm Maclean,
Mayor

MM/o

Hubbard Pants Company
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September 8, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

When you were active in Scouting I had a great admiration for you. I thought you gave us wonderful leadership and I was real proud to have the opportunity of working with you. Never was I as proud of you as I was after noting how you handled the disorder which erupted in Atlanta on Monday of this week. You have given Atlanta wonderful leadership and I think your courageous handling of the racial disturbance will do a great deal to prevent others from occurring.

I think there are very few who want to see the colored race mistreated. On the other hand, we do not feel that they should be permitted to completely take over and have no regard for law and order. In this respect, you handled the situation in a very noble manner.

My congratulations to you, Mayor Allen!

Sincerely,

HUBBARD PANTS COMPANY

George

George C. Turner
Vice-President

GCT:fs

JULIAN H. COX
265 E. HANCOCK AVENUE
ATHENS, GEORGIA

September 9, 1966

Dear Ivan,

I want to take this opportunity of congratulating you on the stand and the action that you took in last Tuesday's trouble in Atlanta. I don't know that I have ever seen anyone display such courage and in my humble opinion, I don't think that anyone could have handled the situation any better. I do not believe that there are many men that would have stood up to the situation like you did and the people of Atlanta and the State of Georgia should be most grateful to you.

With personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Julian

Julian H. Cox

JHC/bw

Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

B. SANDERS WALKER
240 SECOND STREET
MACON, GEORGIA

September 9, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I feel compelled to write to express my great admiration for the manner in which you handled your recent unpleasantness. I think people all over the State and nation will always admire you for your wisdom and moderation and, also, your courage.

I am proud to call you my friend.

Sincerely,

Sanders

B. Sanders Walker

BSW/at

CHARLES CHRISTOPHER McGEHEE

16 E. Jones Street
Savannah, Georgia

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

The riots in Atlanta this week were one of the most unfortunate developments in the history of our native city, but I want to compliment you on your splendid handling of this difficult situation. Your judgment and courage were admirable and when I speak of courage I am not speaking of the fact that you merely went into the middle of the mob, but I am speaking particularly of your courage in taking the position that you took during the riot as well as in your handling of the situation later. I believe that your actions will have a tremendous influence for good with the civic and state authorities throughout the nation.

All thinking men who are not so terrified of a block vote that their backbone disappears, know that everything that we cherish in this country is dependent upon law and order. It seems that some of our northern cities should be in the "banana republics", and I am particularly gratified to see that your firm hand has been strongly approved by the northern press as well as the Congress. It is also gratifying to see that so many of the right thinking negroes, particularly in Atlanta, have thought that you handled the situation well.

I think that your Atlanta Congressman made a very good statement when he said that no matter how we quibble about the meaning of "black power", it inevitably leads to violence. Fortunately, very few of either race believe in "black power", "white power", or any other kind of power that connotes violence.

I remember that two weeks ago when we were sitting on your porch at Toxaway you, laughingly, told how a man in public life grabs the newspaper early in the morning to see what they are saying about him, so I know you are happy about what you have read. And let me add, that when this happened I was in Florida and the press there was unanimous in your favor.

Mary joins me in best wishes to you and to Louise.

Sincerely,

Charlie

Charles C. McGehee

1716 Beverly Wood Court
Chamblee, Georgia
September 8, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:-

May I congratulate you on the magnificent way you conducted yourself during the disturbance last Tuesday evening. Your great courage and sound judgement turned a bad situation into one that brought credit to your city and state.

I am sure that I am joining with all of the citizens you serve when I offer you my thanks for a job well done.

Whoever said that Atlanta has a "weak mayor" form of government?

Sincerely yours,

Howard McMahon

Howard M. McMahon

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Office of the President

September 8, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

You have earned the gratitude and admiration of people throughout this region and indeed throughout the nation for your handling of the tense situation on the streets of Atlanta last Tuesday evening.

You have helped to establish an image of Atlanta as a city, not of prejudice, but of progress. You have worked conscientiously and effectively for social justice, economic opportunity and fair treatment for all citizens.

When, despite your best efforts, tensions reached a breaking point, you moved with resolute courage, tempered by reason and restraint, to protect your city against some of its citizens and, in fact, to protect these people against some of their own temporary excesses.

We realize that your magnificent performance on this occasion does not insure against a recurrence of violence in Atlanta. I am sure, too, that you can take little pleasure in commendations for your handling of a situation which you undoubtedly hoped would never occur. Still, we should be permitted to express our pride in a captain who keeps his ship on course when the sea is rough as well as when the sailing is smooth.

Best wishes for a successful voyage and safe landing from an old submariner.

Cordially yours,

John R. Bertrand

John R. Bertrand
President

JRB:hd

MRS. JESSE S. HOWELL SR.
406 AVENUE "E"
WEST POINT, GEORGIA 31833
9-9-66

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.
Atlanta City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I have always liked you, and was glad you were elected our mayor. (I still say "Our," because I taught in Atlanta city schools 30 years, and hope to be an Atlantan again by this time next year.)

You are indeed a brilliant, far-seeing, courageous, very altruistic man!

I was "Tall Proud" of you; and I thank God you decided to use your ability, talents and time to try and help Atlanta reach her potential. And you will do just that; for you have won the respect and following of many surface thinker "hot heads" of the past year!

Sincerely yours,
Irene Howell

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September 12, 1966

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta Court House
68 Mitchell Street,S.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

My wife and I were in your campaign headquarters on the night of your first election as mayor of Atlanta. We gave you our support. You have more than lived up to the expectations that we had in you as a person and your administration. As you can see by the address, We are now serving in Albany, Georgia. Our hearts remain in Atlanta and we hope some day to return to serve again.

Your recent heartache and frustration over the sudden outburst of violence is also ours. Your courage to enter the areas of trouble and attempt to minister to the people is most compassionate. We deeply appreciate your stand for law and order and at the same time justice for white and black. Please keep your faith and remember the poem by Kipling "If you can trust yourself when all men about you doubt you"(misquoted), "You will be a man my son.". Mayor Allen you are indeed a man.

I wish that I had an easy answer. I wish that you did. You said that we needed to build better cities. I agree but even more basic we need to build better people. All of this is an inditement of the Church and our failure to become what God intended us to become. Parents, teachers, everyone of us is involved or should be and should have been.

My prayers are with you, your family, your administration, and with the friends as well as enemies of your basic principles of government. They are sound and only imperfect as each of us as human beings are imperfect. You have my respect and support.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Lynwood Smith

(PS: Please pardon the appearance of this letter...today I am my own secretary.)

JOHN P. BAUM
MILLEDGEVILLE, GEORGIA

Sept. 11, 1966

Dear Ivan —

Just a very short note of admiration and appreciation for your magnificent handling of:

(a) Fireman's issue

(b) Riot.

You are doing a great job of immense value to Atlanta and this entire section of the country.

Sincerely
Johnny

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr
Atlanta, Ga.

P.S. Don't bother to acknowledge for I know how busy you are.
J—

John T. Reeves
131-Marchman St.
Bremen, Georgia

MAYOR IVAN ALLEN
ATLANTA GEORGIA

Church Of The Ascension

(Episcopal)

Cartersville, Georgia

September 11, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

We would not claim to have a full knowledge of all the events and circumstances of the past week, but we do feel that we have "seen" enough, on TV, to make some comments, and we wish to commend you for the excellent manner in which you have conducted yourself and given leadership in a difficult time.

What happens in Atlanta does vitally "touch" us who live in Acworth, Canton and Cartersville, and we are grateful for the leadership that you are giving to the City of Atlanta.

We would particularly take note of the courage that you showed in entering the troubled areas, and the patience and the fairness and wisdom that you have displayed.

We wish to add our thanks and good wishes that you well deserve.

Sincerely,

(The Rev) Louis Tonsmeire
W. M. Hebble
Catherine Knight
Philip Pfeil
Robert M. Brewer
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Members of the Episcopal Church
of the Ascension, Cartersville.

Church Of The Ascension

(Episcopal)

Cartersville, Georgia

September 12, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

The attached letter is a note of appreciation from myself and some of the members of this Episcopal congregation.

It represents the sentiments of many more persons of this congregation than who included by name on this letter.

But with the opening of our Sunday School and other happy distractions, some who were present missed the letter, and the opportunity of signing the letter.

But I would like for you to be assured of our interest, our support and of our appreciation.

Sincerely,

Louis Tonsmeire

Louis Tonsmeire
Rector
Church of the Ascension
Cartersville,
Georgia

C. R. M. Sheppard
P. O. Box 466
Tucker, Georgia 30084

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I congratulate you on your splendid efforts to maintain racial harmony in the City of Atlanta. Your recent confrontation with rioting Negro mobs was most admirable. However, I am afraid that you do not understand Negro psychology.

On numerous occasions you have made reference to the grave injustices the Negro has suffered over the past 200 years - and this I cannot agree with entirely. The greatest favor ever done for the Negro was to capture him, take him out of the jungle and expose him to civilization - and incidentally, keep him from eating all of his relatives. These supposed injustices confer on him no right to murder, rape, mug and commit arson. If this were not true I would personally carry out a vendeta against society because General Sherman's men murdered my great-grandfather, his oldets son (16), burned his home, killed his live-stock and left a widow with three little children. This indeed was an injustice but it does not give the right to go to Chicago and throw bottles at the police force, kill local residents or set fire to the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

While on active duty, during World War II, we had a constant problem with Quartermaster Negro troops rioting after consuming a few bottles of beer. I was assigned the task of breaking up these Saturday night melees and I accomplished the mission in just two weeks. It was not done by talking nicely to these men, it was done however with a language that they understand. I urge you to use a firmer hand in dealing with these situations or face the alternative of losing complete control of the situation.

I am gravely concerned with the state of anarchy that prevails throughout the nation. Unless our political leaders exercise firm controls, without regards for the value of the Negro bloc vote at the polls, the United States is going to develop into an armed camp and we will all lose as the result of what will take place. Put down revolt among the Negroes as you would if white people were involved and you will overcome some of the deep-rooted and seething resentment that now exists.

With best wishes for your continued efforts in dealing with this gigantic problem, I am

Cordially yours,

C. R. M. Sheppard

C. R. M. Sheppard

PHONE
373-3311

City of Decatur, Georgia

September 7, 1966

Dear Ivan: -

You displayed great courage and devotion to all of Metropolitan Atlanta in the way you handled the disturbance yesterday.

Thanks for the great leadership you so tirelessly give to us.

Sincerely

Jack Hamilton

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September 9, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I personally would like to commend you on a fine and courageous job on your performance last Tuesday, during the uncalled for riot in your city. I am a Negro, and I live in a North Georgia City. I have watched Atlanta grow under your leadership. Both Negro and White should be proud to have a leader like you. Again I will congradulate you.

P. S.

My name is Carmichael, but you can rest assure that Stokley Carmichael and I, are not from the same stock. There is no relationship what so ever.

Sincerely yours,

Elgin Carmichael

Elgin Carmichael

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EAST POINT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2810 CHURCH STREET
EAST POINT, GEORGIA

ROBERT L. McBATH
Minister

September 8, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Just a note to express my admiration and gratitude for the way you handled the explosive situation in our metropolis this week.

Your restraint and fairness; your determination to treat all citizens alike; and your genuine concern for people caught in the urban problems of our day are both an example and inspiration to people across our nation.

May you continue to be an instrument of peace and justice.

Sincerely,

Robert L. McBath

Robert L. McBath

RLM:nc

1773 Holiday Blvd.
Forest Park, Ga. 30050
September 6, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Your Honor:

I've only just recovered sufficiently to write after seeing the Negro baby come out of the tear-gassed house in Southeast Atlanta this evening.

Sir, I admire your courage and integrity in being in the area yourself to try to control this riot. I sympathize with you in your tremendous job, and for nothing less urgent would I bother you with this. (I do hope you can read it yourself.)

Please, Mayor Allen, try to see that no other child is hurt or terrified again if there is any way possible to avoid it. As a mother I appeal to you as one sane head among all the insanity abroad at present.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs.) Anne B. Emery

A DOWN-TO-EARTH LOOK AT A GROWING PROBLEM

A plain-spoken woman has written a letter to the editor that is attracting widespread attention.

In this letter Mrs. Irene Palmer of De Quincy, La., challenges the theory—often stated by top officials—that hardships and poor living conditions explain riots, crime, and growing dependence on government doles. To Mrs. Palmer, this is nonsense.

Crippled, forced to leave school at 17, Mrs. Palmer has worked hard, without luxuries, but: "You will never see us in a marching demonstration line wanting something for nothing. We're too proud for that."

Following are excerpts from a letter to "The Beaumont (Tex.) Enterprise" from Mrs. Irene Palmer of De Quincy, La., and published in "The Enterprise" on Aug. 3, 1966:

These marches, demonstrations, riotings, lootings, police slayings and the such makes me literally sick, especially the reasons our Government officials are trying to cram down our throats as causes of these law-breaking episodes.

Sir, I know what hard work, hardship, pain and suffering is. I had polio at age 5 months which left my left leg one and one-half inches shorter than my right and about one third the size.

My father died at 6 p. m. Sunday in 1935, was buried Monday on my seventeenth birthday. My brother died at 5 a. m. Tuesday and was buried Wednesday, leaving me with two small sisters and my mother to support.

At 17 I was not a drop-out in school. With no education—not enough, anyway—no experience and with only one good leg, I quit school and went to work to support a family. I didn't have a teen-age life because my working hours were always from 10 to 20 hours a day. In 1948, I got my right hand—my working hand; I'm right-handed—in an electric ice shaver and mangled it. It was doubtful whether I'd ever be able to use it again, but after much pain and suffering I learned to use what I had left of a hand. This left me with one good leg and one good hand, but I didn't give up.

"Follow Me Just One Day—"

I would like for Earl Warren, President Johnson, H. H. Humphrey, Martin Luther King, and all the hell-raising juveniles to come to my home and follow me just one day. I can guarantee that they wouldn't have enough pep left to go on a demonstration, marching or rock-throwing party.

My day begins at 4 a. m. and ends about 8 or 9 p. m., when my health permits. I do my own housework, cooking, washing, ironing, sewing, raising flowers and a garden. In fact, for the past three weeks I have been standing in a hot kitchen, over a hot stove, canning my vegetables. Have an air conditioner? Are you kidding? Neither do I run up town when I get hot and turn on the water hydrants, nor start rioting and looting stores. Do you see any civil-rights workers doing this kind of work, trying to add to their income? If you do, show me.

I have two wonderful children who were reared most of their lives in hot, crowded apartments. They know what it is to do without a lot of the better things of life. If we could have afforded just one vacation for them, it would have been a luxury, yet neither are rioters, rock-throwers, nor lawbreakers.

I would like to show some of the officials in Washington, the marchers, rioters, and all those who have their hand stretched out for a handout, some of the handicapped people who are making it on their own and not asking Mr. Nobody for anything. . . .

"Excuses for Riots Are Tommyrot"

Sir, can our President, Vice President, any civil-rights worker, agitator, or whomever they may be, stand up and look us handicaps, whose very life itself has been a struggle for most of us, in the eye and try to cram down our throats an idea as idiotic as hot weather, crowded living quarters, low income, hard working conditions and all the other excuses they try to pass on to the people as being reasons for these riots we are having? I for one cannot nor will I swallow such tommyrot.

You may see us handicaps become furious when we see a gang of able-bodied men and women, whether they are black, white, purple or spotted, running up and down our nation saying I want this, gimme that, without lifting a finger to earn it, but you will never see us in a marching demonstration line wanting something for nothing. We're too proud for that.

I believe a great lesson could be learned from the handicaps. First, faith; then courage, patience, love, kindness, long suffering, pride, competence and all the things that make life worthwhile.

Sir, I didn't intend to write a newspaper when I started, but I have watched so much of these disgraceful crime waves, which are so useless, on television, and read so much about it in the papers, until I just had to say my piece.

So I will close and leave an open invitation for the President, H. H. H., Martin Luther King and his followers, the agitators or whoever it may be who thinks it takes a crime wave to make a living in this old world, to come and follow in my footsteps just one day and I'll show them what can be done if anyone has the get-up about them to try.

3510 Indian Lane
Doraville, Ga. 30040

September 19, 1966

Mr. Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

Please allow us to add our comments to the growing number of them, that are no doubt coming across your desk these weeks after your recent confrontation with the sorry issue that has come to pass in the wonderful city of Atlanta.

Although, living in DeKalb County, we are not actual residents of the city, what affects Atlanta very much affects us in the outer limits. Having lived over thirty-five years in the city of Pittsburgh before coming to the Atlanta area five years ago, we feel that we can speak for the situations in the northern cities with some authority.

Let the colored people here know they get a much fairer shake here in Atlanta than they would ever get in Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Chicago or wherever. It is high time that the truth of the situations be told - in the news media throughout the country.

We thank you, Mayor Allen for your courage in going into the confusion and bringing about rapid order from the chaos. The Police Department indeed deserves a medal of honor... particularly the colored police who were very much in evidence at the situation.

This situation, covered in depth by the television, radio and the news magazines will be a real eye opener for those whose hobby is to give a "black-eye" to the south. Where were the Mayors of Chicago, Dayton, and wherever when confusion reigns? At their desk with the phone - far from the scene.

In all correspondence and phone calls we have had from our families and friends throughout Pennsylvania and Ohio, the constant comment was "Hats off to your Mayor down there - he sure doesn't stand for much jazz", does he??

Maybe Atlanta's image can be the beginning of a good show to bring about the ending of this traveling disruption of all our major cities in this country. Tell us, Mayor Allen, what can Mr. and Mrs. Average Citizen, do to help you?

Sincerely,

Mr & Mrs. L. R. Fruecht Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis R. Fruecht, Jr.

GRIFFIN DAILY NEWS
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GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

QUIMBY MELTON, SR.
PUBLISHER

Sept. 9,1966

Dear Ivan:-

This editorial, written by my son,Quimby Jr., will interest you. Know there will be many such editorials praising you, and there should be.

As you know your father and I have been friends for many years. I'll never forget his kindness to me when I was a young reporter on the Constitution, he helped me get many a story that I would otherwise have not gotten.

And to know you and count you as a friend has meant a lot to me. For the second generation Melton newsman, to continue the Allen-Melton friendship, is gratifying.

I glory in your spunk and devotion to the things you believe will make Atlanta and Georgia a better place in which to live and work.

Sincerely Yours,

QM/self.

Quimby Melton.

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GRIFFIN, GEORGIA

Friday, Sept. 9, 1966

Dear Lyon,

You handled the trouble this week magnificently, and we are proud of you.

I am enclosing our editorial comment from yesterday's paper.

You need not answer this note — we know how busy you are, particularly right now.

Congratulations and sincere appreciation to you.

Regards,

Grimby McKinney Jr.

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Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.
Atlanta City Hall
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen

I just got through reading in the Los Angeles Times the ordeal you went through last weekend.

I am sorry to see my home town torn by such violence and further more never expected to see anything like this happen in big A.

You sir have set an example of class and dignity that no other

mayor in this country has shown. My Mom & Dad voted for you against Lester Maddox a long time ago I can't remember the year but I am glad you followed Mr. Hartsfield into office.

Since I've been here in L.A. I have bragged about home and how Atlanta is never mentioned in the papers for any type of racial problems. Now it is and I am still proud of my home

Sir because you have shown leadership of the highest quality and excuse the expression sir, you have a hell of a lot of guts. I left Atlanta in July 64 to due my time in the Marines reserve program. When I got out I came to Calif. and I have only visited home once but I still love it and I plan to come home when I am finished at UCLA. and I hope it is as nice as it was when I left it. You have done a

(OVER)

Great job there and I am proud of you. When I worked for you as a life-guard at Chastain pard two summers when we integrated in 62 or 63 we had no trouble and I was proud.

Sir I am glad you are our mayor and I hope you are there a long long time. God Bless you.

Respectfully.
Bobby Ostuni

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.

City Hall

Atlanta

Georgia

Dear -

Just a little note to say how very proud I am of you - You are and have been just wonderful and courageous

Do be careful for you are so needed and none of those bums are needed in this World - You have done more than any man

could ask of you -

I'm enclosing a part of a letter from a freind of mine who you met - Dorothy Burns -

Love to you and Louise always -

Devotedly -

Frances

Saturday

Sunday PM

Frances dear —

Just a few lines to let you know that I am thinking of you.

I also want to tell you how proud I am of your very wonderful Mayor Allen.

I consider it an honor to have met him with you and believe me – this country needs more courageous men like him.

I talked to Attie and Harriet a few nights ago. I told them you were going to Kentucky for

Mrs. Horatio Ruro (Frances)
Red Mill Farm
Cartersville, Ga -

Couldn't you all Stand up for a Principle that our Fore Fathers Worked Fought Bled and Dide for

"STAND UP SELMA and DALLAS COUNTY"

Mr. Khrushchev said **"We will bury you."** He went on to say that he would use our money and our people to do it. Mr. Johnson and King rephrased this statement and said **"We shall overcome"** you. Now who the "we" are besides Johnson and King I'm not sure, but I do know that some of the good white and colored people in Selma and Dallas County have been flat overcome. How was Mr. Khrushchev going about burying us? Well, let's look at what has happened. Earl Warren, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, highest court in the land I am told, has done legal work for Marshal Tito. If this is true doesn't that make him an employee, agent or representative of a communist country? After looking at the record of the Supreme Court which has ruled nearly 100% in favor of the Communist Party it looks like he, or someone, is still representing them. The Attorney General and the Justice Department has aided and promoted internal strife led by known Communists, and if they didn't know it they were too stupid to have the jobs they hold. Even the President's Office has followed policies that promote the communist cause. To divide the people, demoralize, create strife, destroy from within, aid Communist countries with foreign aid to keep them from falling flat on their

Do you think the salary of the Sheriff's Office has overcompensated him for what he has done and been through? I think we owe him a little more than money could ever do, and that is appreciation for a job well done. A lot of us have told him so privately, but what I'm talking about is to do so publicly. Let's have a Jim Clark Day and honor a public official for doing what he was elected to do. In fact, he has done the most superb job of any law enforcement official in this country. With all the effort the Communist Party put forth to get a lot of people killed, not one person who was under the protection of the Dallas County Sheriff's Department was killed or badly hurt. Not one building was burned, there was no looting, and not one machine gun was turned on our local citizens. Every fall there has always been a bunch of flim-flam artists that have come to Selma and some local citizen is flim-flammed out of his or her money. I'm sorry to say that the officials were powerless to stop the biggest flim-flam of all times. The Sheriff's Office is not an individually owned office and it does not belong to Jim Clark, Wilson Baker or the Justice Department. It belongs to the people of Selma and Dallas County and the man who occupies that office should be elected by the people of Sel-

faces. We hear about the dangers of being destroyed by the atomic bomb. I'm not afraid of the atomic bomb, Khrushchev, or any known Communist. The ones I'm afraid of are the ones who are supposed to be our friends, but are not. This includes corrupt politicians on national, state and local levels that would sell the future of little children for money, power and prestige. Worst of all the complacent individuals who don't give a hoot what happens, who's in power, what's going to happen to our children, or what the future holds as long as their belly's full. Their defense is that they can't do anything about it, why should they worry about it. Part of the plan is to destroy the law and respect for it, holler police brutality, and try to make local officials look like a bunch of hoodlums. Such was the case of Selma and Dallas County. Every communist front organization in the country sent their trained agitators, schooled in how to take a crowd and turn it into a mob, create a riot and get someone killed. The liberal press was only going to print one side of the story so as to create hate and divide this country and make us look like a fool all over the world. The local law finds himself in an awkward position. He has to protect the very ones who have come to raise hell. He has to protect the ones that are to be used and also the local citizenry. You may have a husband, brother or friend fighting the communists in Vietnam and you might feel flustered and bewildered when you know the countries that have received billions of our tax dollars are hauling supplies to the enemy to help kill our boys with. I just wonder how Jim Clark felt when charged with keeping law and order, the Justice Department tried by injunction to keep him from doing what was necessary to do. He was harassed from the liberal press and condemned from all sides. He was called all hours of the night, threatened, insulted, cursed, and even the tenderest spot of all, the life and welfare of his family was threatened. They spent many months in jail and under guard 24 hours a day. ma and Dallas County, not the Justice Department. If the public didn't think that Wilson Baker was a man that the Justice Department could work through and run Selma and Dallas County, then all doubt should be removed when they stepped into a local election and had a bunch of illegal votes counted, and certified Wilson Baker as the Democratic candidate for Sheriff. You know, I'm told that it was illegal votes that put Lyndon B. Johnson in his first public office. Tonight I put the most precious possessions that I own to bed —a little girl 10, one 7, a boy 5, and a girl 2—and the thought struck me that I'm responsible for their future. I wondered what I would tell them in the future if they were to ask me, "Daddy, what did you do when the Justice Department took over Selma and Dallas County?" I promised myself one thing, that my answer would not be "Nothing." If you haven't been overcome let's have the Jim Clark Day honoring Jim and the public officials who have stood up for us and the freedom of our country. Let's put this man back in the office he is so well qualified for, on a write-in ticket. They say it can't be done, but it's legal. They say people won't go to the trouble to go to the polls much less write in someone's name.. I don't agree. I've got more faith in the people of Selma and Dallas County. I believe that we can do anything until it's proved to us that we can't. I know one thing. I'm not going to quit because Jim Clark didn't quit and run out when the going got tough and I mean it did get rough. And it probably will in the future, and that is when we will need him again. They said we shall bury you or overcome you, but Jim said **"Never"**. I'm with Jim. We are supposed to lie down, roll over and play dead, but we are not. **Stand up Selma and Dallas County — proud and tall. We haven't been overcome and if we are buried it will be standing up, not lying down. Let's go to work.**

BILL ENGLAND

(Pd. Pol. Adv. by Bill England—Browns, Alabama)

Silver Creek Presbyterian Church
Box 176
Lindale, Georgia 30147

C. LEE WILSON, MINISTER

September 13, 1966

Dear Mr. Allen:

It is with much heartfelt concern that I read of the turmoil which you are going through in Atlanta. We still consider it as one of our hometowns and cherish the friendship of you and your family along with many others.

I hope and pray our Lord shall bless you with wisdom and patience and for whatever else you may need in your tackling of the task before you. And, that you may continue to rise to the trememdous challenge you face with the greatness you have shown and with all the fineness within you.

Please give our regards to the family, and come to see us whenever you may be in the Rome area.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

Lee

The Monteleone
214 Rue Royale, New Orleans, U.S.A.

September 19, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen -

I am an Atlantan, born and raised in Atlanta, therefore I feel very strongly about Atlanta and love my city.

I would like for you to know that at the hotel and other places of business here in New Orleans you have been complimented very highly on the way that you handled the Atlanta riots.

Also in the Miami Herald, Sunday edition September 11, 1966, editor Knight compliments you on your ability in handling Stokely Carmichael and Brick the agents of anarchy in Watts, New York, Chicago, Cleveland and other major cities.

The Monteleone
214 Rue Royale, New Orleans, U.S.A.

The Miami Herald clipping of Editor Knight article was sent to me by friends in Miami who also compliment you highly.

I am very proud of you, Mr Allen, and the Atlanta Police department. You are both a credit and asset to my beloved Atlanta, the finest city in the country.

My congratulations to you Mr Mayor and best regards to a very fine man.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Walker
2898 Lynda Place
Toney Valley
Decatur, Georgia

Stockbridge, Georgia
September 20, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

It is a very fine thing when a leader takes the stand towards a cause you recently took and though we are not residents of your fine city, I wanted to write to tell you how much we admired your courage.

For many years I have carried on a love affair with the City of Atlanta. I worked there for twelve years and, of course, we are in easy commuting distance now. It is a lovely city. The stadium is a masterpiece and all of the other buildings that have gone up are to be admired. Looking at the magazine article on Atlanta recently we commented how very beautiful it is ... with one exception. Just over the bridge and in throwing distance of the Capitol is the slum area all around the stadium. Couldn't this be zoned commercial and motels, fine office buildings, etc. go up instead? It is so convenient to downtown.

Sincerely,

"Interested"

CITY OF ATLANTA

IVAN ALLEN, JR.
MAYOR

September 14, 1966

Mr. John J. Jones
444 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Jones:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

(Note to: Linda, Betty, Faye, Evy, Bea, Elaine:

With a few exceptions, we are writing replies to the following categories only:
Favorable - Atlanta
. Favorable - Georgia, outside Atlanta

Address by first name, where message addressed the Mayor by first name, but check list of addressees to see if Ann has corrected. Do not make carbons. Return list of assresses to Linda for file when you have finished. Many thanks)

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Marietta, Georgia

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401 Flat Rock Trail
Covington, Georgia 30209

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East Point Presbyterian Church
2810 Church Street
East Point, Georgia

Rev. Ralph C. Shea, Sr.
Minister
Jones Memorial First Methodist Church
189 W. Georgia Avenue
Forest Park, Georgia

Mr. Max F. Ward, President
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Mrs. Paul B. Dye, Jr.
660 Victory Drive
Waynesboro, Georgia

Mr. Lee R. Grogan
President
Georgia Jaycees
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September 15, 1966

Mr. Lee R. Grogan
President
Georgia Jaycees
P. O. Box 616
Perry, Georgia 31069

Dear Mr. Grogan:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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Mrs. Paul B. Dye, Jr.
660 Victory Drive
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P. O. Box 1923
Gainesville, Georgia 30501

Dear Mr. Ward:

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With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

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September 15, 1966

Reverend Ralph C. Shea, Sr.
Jones Memorial First Methodist Church
189 W. Georgia Avenue
Eorest Park, Georgia

Dear Reverend Shea:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

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Mayor

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September 15, 1966

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East Point Presbyterian Church
2810 Church Street
East Point, Georgia

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With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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September 15, 1966

Mr. Charles Elliott
401 Flat Rock Trail
Covington, Georgia 30209

Dear Charlie:

During these difficult days, it is gratifyigg to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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September 15, 1966

Mrs. Archie T. E. McCormick
330 Pat Mell Road, S. W.
Townhouse B-3
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McCormick:

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Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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September 15, 1966

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Warwick
2356 Old Stone Mountain Road
Chamblee, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Warwick:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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September 15, 1966

Mr. H. H. Niebruegge
1309 Faraday Place
Decatur, Georgia 30033

Dear Harry:

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With appreciation, Iaam

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

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September 15, 1966

Mr. J. Vincent Cook
Mr. Gary L. Pleger
Mr. P. Maurice Boulogne
Cook, Pleger & Boulogne
798 Prince Avenue
Prince Lyndon Building
Athens, Georgia

Gentlemen:

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With appreciation, Iaam

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Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mr. & Mrs. Carl V. Chelena, Sr.
418 Kenilworth Circle
Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Chelena:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Honorable Jack Hamilton
Mayor, City of Decatur
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Jack:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mrs. Anne B. Emery
1373 Holiday Boulevard
Forest Park, Georgia 30050

Dear Mrs. Emery:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mr. James A. Dunlap
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Jim:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mrs. Gus W. Mann
601 Willivee Drive
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Mann:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Miss Fredda Lee
4131 Janice Drive
East Point, Georgia

Dear Miss Lee:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mr. James M. Smith
2070 Sylvania Drive
Decatur, Georgia 30033

Dear Mr. Smith:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mrs. Roland P. Perdue, III
245 Riverdide Drive
Athens, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Perdue:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mr. Quincy B. Powell
347 Peabody Street
Athens, Georgia 30601

Dear Mr. Powell:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mrs. Ruth C. Fountain
Route #3, Box 463-C
Albany, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Fountain:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mr. L. G. Evans
2121 Riverland Road
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33312

Dear Mr. Evans:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

September 15, 1966

Mr. James W. Dalton
103 Antigua Drive
Cocoa Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Dalton:

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

Mayor Ivan Allen
Atlanta, Georgia

September 17, 1966
Bremen, Georgia

Sir;

As a citizen of Georgia who loves Atlanta, permit me to congratulate you upon the excellent manner in which you quelled the recent racial disturbances in your city.

Since my wife and I would like very much to continue coming into Atlanta on periodic shopping trips, I feel you should be made aware of certain conditions now prevalent which prohibits our doing so.

The small groups of Negro youths who stand idly on street corners and shout obscenities at passing white motorists are definitely not conducive to good relationship between Atlanta and neighboring cities.

The strong possibility of a brick or bottle being tossed into a windshield holds absolutely no attraction for me, or any other law abiding citizen.

Sooner or later an enraged motorist will lose control of his senses, and someone else will die; another riot will ensue, and more hatred will build.

Friends tell me that Negro youths saunter idly across streets in front of passing cars in many sections of your city, and seemingly dare drivers to run them down. When a horn is sounded, these Negro youths scream curses, aided by groups of adults on the sidewalks.

Being an admirer of your excellent tenure of office, I feel you should know these things are happening in Atlanta, and that more and more people are becoming disenchanted with your city because of them.

Very truly yours,

J T Reeves

John T. Reeves
Bremen, Georgia

229 Lumpkin Street
Thomson, Ga.
Sept. 15, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen:

This is just to tell you how much I have admired you since you took office as Mayor of Atlanta. And never more so than during your recent handling of the difficulties in Atlanta. You were superb, and I was happy that I knew you, if only by correspondance.

When my second book, WALK EGYPT in '60-61, came out, you wrote me twice, and also sent me some material, including a book on Indians. I was never so pleased. And when you later ran and were elected to office, I felt as though I'd been honored.

My main regret is that this isn't 20 years ago, and you were just starting out in office. How much you could have already done for the state. But I'm glad you are in office now.

Meanwhile I am JOURNAL correspondant in this particular area, McDuffie, Warren, Glascock, Columbia, etc. counties--just to keep my hand in and get material, etc, for my next novels--I'm having one out in February---and if I can ever help you, in any way, with information, etc., please do let me know.

Sincerely,

Vinnie Williams

Vinnie Williams

September 11, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I want to tell you how proud I am of you for showing such good judgement and strength of character through these last trying and unhappy days.

I wish you and your staff the best in bringing Atlanta's problems to a happy solution.

Yours truly,
Eve Blake

(Miss) Eve Blake
3282 Robin Road
Decatur, Georgia 30032

3211 SANDUSKY DRIVE
DECATUR, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 14, 1966

MAYOR IVAN ALLEN
CITY HALL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEAR MAYOR ALLEN:

IT HAS BEEN NOTED BY THE PUBLIC, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WHERE YOU DID A COURAGEOUS THING IN GOING AMONG YOUR SUBJECTS DURING A RECENT PUBLIC DISORDER.

YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR THIS BIT OF GALLANTRY ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, AND I DO NOT FEEL AS SOME HAVE IMPLIED THIS ACT WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED. I HONESTLY FEEL THAT YOU ARE ACTING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL CONCERNED. BUT THERE IS ONE THING I AM UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND THAT IS WHY YOU WOULD PUSSY FOOT AROUND WITH THIS GROUPE OF PEOPLE WHEN YOU MUST REALIZE NO AMOUNT OF TALKING WILL DO ANY GOOD. PERHAPS I AM WRONG, BUT I AM OF THE OPINION THE ONLY THING THESE PEOPLE WILL UNDERSTAND IS FORCE.

ALSO IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A $10.000 REWARD HAS BEEN OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO THE CAPTURE OF PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SHOOTING OF A NEGRO BOY. THIS I FEEL IS GOOD, BUT WOULD THE SAME THING HAVE HAPPENED IF A WHITE BOY HAD BEEN SHOT. ALSO ONE OF THE ATLANTA POLICEMAN WAS SHOT, BUT VERY LITTLE HAS BEEN SAID ABOUT THIS, WHY?

MR. MAYOR, I AM ALL FOR LAW AND ORDER AND I DO NOT BELIEVE IN HATE GROUPS, BUT I DO BELIEVE A PERSON BLACK OR WHITE SHOULD EARN THE RIGHT TO BE RESPECTED. I DO NOT BELIEVE IN FREE HANDOUTS LIKE THE POVERTY PROGRAM, WELFARE, ETC. EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES. AND LIKE MANY OTHER PEOPLE, I FEEL THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ENCOURAGED VIOLENCE AND ANARCHY FOR SINSTER PURPOSES BY REMANING SILENT. THIS I KNOW YOU HAVE NO CONTROL OVER AND I AM SURE YOU WANT NO PART OF THIS SINSTER PLAN, IF PLAN IT IS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Harold C. Hudson
HAROLD C. HUDSON

CHARLES SMITHGALL
PRESS-RADIO CENTER
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

Sept 15, 1964

Dear Ivan,

There's just no way for me to tell you how proud I am of you and how much I feel for you in your recent ordeals - It must be a very trying experience.

I'm grateful that we have a man like you who is willing to make the sacrifice -

Sincerely

Charles

Sept. 12th, 1966.

His Honor the Mayor
City Hall,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

You are very brave and, I am sure, very conscientious.

While I admire your fine qualities I am concerned for your welfare. I would like to site for your consideration several examples of mob violence:

1) The stoning of Stephen - Acts 7:56-58 (They "stopped their ears" - cast him out - stoned him)

2) Alexander - Acts 19:34 - the mob cried for two hours "Great is Diana of the Ephesians". Mobs will not listen !

3) Paul - many times beaten, stoned, left for dead, finally beheaded in Rome. Some listened but the majority did not !

4) Pilate - saw that he could prevail nothing - washed his hands - Matthew 27:24

For further reference see: Acts 17:5 - an uproar !
Acts 19:29 - the whole city was filled with confusion ! (and v. 40 - uproar !)
Acts 21:30, 34 "all the city was moved ! "some cried one thing, some another"

I Cor. 14:33 "For God is <u>not</u> the author of confusion"

James 3:16 - "confusion and every evil work"

"Let all things be done decently and in order." I Cor.14:40.

The real trouble is that Christians have failed to get out the Gospel message ! "Love never faileth" !(I Cor. 13:8)

Now it is a little late for this approach. They will not listen !

May I suggest that a good Christian psychologist be called in to offer his suggestions as to how to cope with this matter ? The only one I know is Dr. Clyde M. Narramore who is in Pasadena, Calif.. (his home address is 115 Sequoia Drive, Pasadena. Phone - Clinton 6-2724) Perhaps a phone call would be of great help.

I was a resident of Atlanta for twenty-one of the twenty-four years I was a captain with Delta Air Lines so you see that Atlanta has a big place in our hearts.

I pray for your safety and for the welfare of our great city. May God bless you and guide you in these trying times.

Most sincerely yours,

George J. Wells

George J. Wells

Lakemont, Ga. 30552

William G. Cox
1872 Colt Drive
Chamblee, GA.

Mayor Allen:

Happened to be on a business trip for Lockheed and, in reading the editorials to see how they are reacting to the problems in Atlanta, thought you might be interested in this one from The Sunday Star.

Bill Cox

P.S. I am in the 436th Civil Affairs Co. USAR and certainly enjoyed your talk to us in August!

Also, everyone is proud of the firm way you are handling those who are violating the law under the weak and false mask of civil rights

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Union City Methodist Church

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HENLEY CAMPBELL, Pastor

Sept. 7, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen,
Mayor, City of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Ivan:

It seems a long time since we were at Tech in the early thirties and even longer when our Mothers were in school together. As time has changed the Washington Street area of our City it has also given to our generation glorious opportunities and fearful responsibilities.

It is always an inspiration to see one who is given an opportunity to serve his present age to so courageously endeavor to fulfil his duties. All ministers are not in pulpits, for one is in the Mayors Chair of a great City and mounts the roof of a car as his pulpit to plead with a riotous crowd to remember a new commandment, "that we love one another."

May our prayers for one another be that God will bless and keep us as His servants for tedious tasks through trying times.

Your friend,

Henley Campbell (M. E. '36)

wHc/66

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September 9, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Just a short note to congratulate you on the forthright manner in which you handled the recent problem in Atlanta. The intestinal fortitude displayed certainly is admirable and proves again how fortunate we are to have good people in responsible places.

Yours very truly,

Julian

Julian M. Harrison, Jr.

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September 9, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen
Mayor
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I add my congratulations and thanks to many others who have written you? An outstanding contribution has been made.

Every good wish for you.

Sincerely,

Sam Willingham

September 8, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

Of all the heroism, bravery and citations given out, you certainly deserve the highest praise of all. As chief executive of a great city, it does not call for your risking your very life as you did on Tuesday. I personally praise you most highly for going beyond all call of duty. Even though I have moved out of the City of Atlanta, I was born and raised there and will continue to call Atlanta my home.

Another thing you did that my wife and I both want to thank you for is the fine personal letter you sent our son, J. R. Bobo, who was with the Fire Department until about six weeks ago. He made his decision to enter Bob Jones University and study religion long before any trouble erupted with the Firemen. He holds your letter with highest esteem.

May God bless you and continue to give you strength in running this great city of Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

Tom W. Bobo, Sr.

Tom W. Bobo, Sr.

September 12, 1966
Rt. 3, Box 463-C
Albany, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen,

After working so hard for racial understanding in Atlanta. I know this has been a disappointing week for you. I have admired your efforts to make Atlanta a progressive and peaceful city and I am sorry these riots happened.

You are very courageous and in time I'm sure your efforts will bring happier results

My prayers are with you and my former home "town".

Sincerely,
Ruth C. Fountain

FREDDA LEE
4131 Janice Dr.
East Point, Ga.
Po. 7-6111

His Honor the Mayor
68 Mitchell St., S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Sept. 7, 1966

Hon. Mayor Allen:

One of the young people of Atlanta remembers how much a telegram, bringing assurance, of your, Best Wishes to me.

I was in New York competing in a national contest; living there during their most extreme difficulties.

May I say it was not handled as well as you, "Mayor Allen", managed and lead Atlanta to reasoning.

I think the difference was your "Reasoning " instead of Handling the persons involved.

I am proud of you.

Yours truly,
Fredda Lee
Fredda Lee

JAMES A. DUNLAP
GAINESVILLE, GEORGIA

September 7, 1966

Dear Ivan:

I tried to telephone you this morning. I think "Snick" and that element are acting horribly.

Frankly, I don't think you should go into a mob such as that without adequate protection. It scared me when I saw the riot scenes on television last night and this morning. Be careful!

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

James A. Dunlap

Mayor Ivan Allen
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

September 7, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor City of Atlanta
City Hall
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia - 30303.

Dear Sir:

Please let us join with many others in expressing our admiration for the manner in which you handled the very difficult situation yesterday.

There are three thoughts that we would like to convey and trust that you will bear with us :-

1. Your heroism in facing the personal dangers of the moment must be recognized, appreciated and emulated by people of all stations. Surely the streets of Atlanta should be safer for all citizens because of your brave conduct. We congratulate and honor you.

2. How long can citizens suffer their duly elected officials to expend their time, energy and public funds in order to quell and attempt to satisfy a recalcitrant group, who repeatedly dedicate themselves toward negating the progress that all other citizens are striving to attain. Certainly it must be recognized that the specific conditions they protest are not the result of mistreatment, but rather are the result of the lack of initiative that has existed in their own forebears throughout recorded history.

   The physical, financial and emotional burden placed upon others (of all races) is very great and somehow these people must be made to understand ----- not to be mislead ---------- for therein lies the great danger to our Country.

3. Of all the candidates presently projecting themselves for the Governorship of Georgia, none can approach your statue or qualifications. We have no political acumen,but we honestly

believe our State would be so much improved if, even at this late date, your name could be introduced as a Write-in Candidate. This is just a thought from we who are not politically knowledgeable, but we believe it is worthy of your consideration.

While the above expressions come on the heels of yesterday's episode, they are not quickly conceived, rather they are the result of our long observance and admiration of many of your activities even though we, frankly, have not always been in accord with you.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Chelena, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Chelena, Sr.
418 Kenilworth Circle
Stone Mountain, Georgia
30083

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September 8, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

The undersigned commend you for your courageous leadership displayed during the recent demonstrations. We are proud of the progress which Atlanta has made under your dedicated direction.

With highest regards and best wishes we are,

Yours very truly,

Gary Pleger
Pierre Boulogne
J. Vincent Cook

1309 Faraday Place
Decatur, Georgia 30033
September 9, 1966

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

May I add my congratulations and praise to the many you have already received on your handling of the very dangerous and explosive situation that took place Tuesday.

Among my friends and acquaintances are many brave and courageous men but I doubt if any of them would have handled the very grave situation in the forthright manner you displayed Tuesday night.

Putting yourself in the position of danger as you did simply proves that we were correct in putting you in the mayor's office the second as well as the first time.

Again my hearty congratulations to your handling of this very grave situation.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Niebruegge

H. H. NIEBRUEGGE

CHARLES ELLIOTT
401 FLAT ROCK TRAIL
COVINGTON, GEORGIA 30209

Wednesday

Dear Ivan:

Your friends already knew, but all Georgia and all America are proud of your courage in the faces on Capitol Avenue last evening.

From one humble friend.

Charlie

Jones Memorial First Methodist Church
189 W. GEORGIA AVENUE RT. 1, BOX 251
FOREST PARK, GEORGIA
OFFICE 366-4039 PARSONAGE 366-8473

9/8/66

Mayor Ivan Allen,
City Hall,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

Just a note to let you know that I admire your act of courage on Tuesday.

There is no doubt in my mind that your presence had great impact on the people in that area, even while the shouts sounded out loudest. You stayed with the law enforcing personnel and that gave them a "lift". In combat we always admired the C.O., or the General, who stayed with his men when the bullets were zinging around.

Sincerely,

Ralph C. Shea, Sr.,
Minister.

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September 8, 1966

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our warmest appreciation for you in your courage and fortitude in handling the near violence situation in Atlanta.

With people such as you in public offices who could hide behind our law enforcement people, but do not, the entire state of Georgia is far ahead of the other states and cities that are faced, and will be faced, with such crises now and the near future.

Thanks again Mayor and our blessings to you for the future problems you will face.

Very truly yours,

MAR-JAC, INC.

Max F. Ward
President

MFW:pp

Mrs Paul B. Dye, Jr.
660 Victory Drive
Waynesboro, Georgia

Sept. 7, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
68 Mitchell St. S.W.
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen,

I had to write you a letter after watching the CBS news tonight, to congratulate you on the image you projected to the country of calm level-headedness in a tense situation. My thoughts, in a nutshell, were at last a Southern politician who, when interviewed on national television, doesn't embarrass our section of the country. I applaud you!

Yours truly,
Ann Dye
(Mrs Paul B. Dye, Jr)

Georgia Jaycees

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September 8, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I offer my personal congratulations to you and the citizens of Atlanta for the fine manner in which you handled a difficult situation. Your personal actions have gained the attention of the whole world and I know the respect of everyone.

This occurrence should demonstrate to everyone that the City of Atlanta is fast becoming the leading metropolis of the world.

Yours in service,

Lee R. Grogan

LRG:bkb

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September 8, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor's Office
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I would like to take this opportunity to express to you my admiration for you and the manner in which you handled the Negro roit on September 6, 1966.

I was able to see some of the roit on the CBS evening news here in Columbus, and I must say that you displayed a great amount of courage in placing yourself in the middle of such a mob. However, the main reason I am writing to you is due to a remark I heard you make at the heigth of the roit. That remark, in essence, was when you addressed yourself to a Negro taking part in the roit and you told him that regardless of what he may think about who was running the City of Atlanta that fact was that you were running the city and that was the way it was going to be. Taking such a firm attitude at such a critical moment shows, in my opinion, the true colors of a man and I would say your colors showed true blue.

In case you might have some problem in determining exactly who I am, perhaps you can place my by the fact that you and my father went to Georgia Tech together and both of you were S.A.E.'s. Also, I worked for Sen. Harry Jackson of Columbus during this most recent term of the General Assembly and I saw you on one or two occasions while I was in Atlanta.

With kindest regards and best personal wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Frank K. Martin

Frank K. Martin
Assistant Solicitor General

FKM:sj

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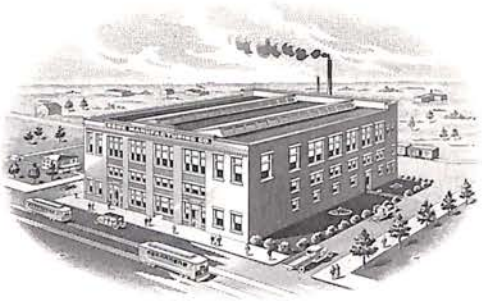

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Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Ivan:

Thanks and congratulations for the efficient, and courageous manner that you handled the incident in Atlanta this week.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,

N. N. Burnes, Jr.

NNBjr/mm