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Hon. Ivan Allen,
Atlanta, Ga.,
Dear Mayor Allen,

It was my fortune to see and hear your most disgusting and uncalled for diatribe on C B S in which you expressed your opinion in no uncertain terms about the result of the recent primary in Georgia.

There is no one who is so intolerant of other peoples opinion as a defeated "Liberal" who calls himself a "Moderate". It seems to me that quite a large percentage of the population of Georgia is "ignorant" a fact which I have never noticed in visits to your city and state. Mr. Maddox who started from scratch and by his own efforts developed his successful business could not have been very ignorant. He may have had very little formal education. Did you develop and build your own business? It seems that I have read that it was inherited.

Under your "wise" guidance Atlanta has become a "Mecca" for negroes second only to Washington, D. C., as soon as they get a majority they will kick the moderate white man out and take it over themselves.

I believe that the "running fit"

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which you had on television the other night will make thousands of votes for Maddox in the coming general election. I had been hoping that Calloway would win in November but with the reaction from you, Mc Gill and Martin Luther King which has appeared in the papers, on radio and television there might be such a back lash that Calloway will be defeated. Anyway, either of the Candidates will be better than your beloved Ellis Arnall.

Very Truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John C. Bell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "J".