

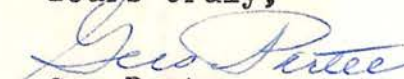
2120 16th St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
Jan. 14, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

As a Georgian (Decatur), I am much disturbed that the barricades are doing a great deal of harm to Atlanta's good name in the rest of the country. To a large extent they negate the "Forward Atlanta" ads which have recently appeared in the Wall Street Journal. All those responsible for erecting them should frankly admit their mistake and take steps toward their immediate removal. As you well know, the problem of Negro housing cannot be solved with barricades here and there. One barricade can only lead to another until eventually you will arrive at the accomplished fact of a walled in ghetto. Such a solution is unthinkable for the South's most progressive city. Atlanta has met and surmounted with honor many racial challenges during the past decade, building up a vast reservoir of good will throughout the country. It would be a shame to allow that invaluable asset to be now dissipated by these unwise street barriers.

Yours truly,

  
Gus Partee