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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. Louis R. Fruecht, Jr.