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Mr. Paul E. Burbank  
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Brunswick, Maine

Dear Paul:

In all of the mumble jumble of the Civil Rights issue I put aside your nice letter in order that I could properly respond to it. It was gratefully received, and you were very thoughtful to write. It seemed like old times to hear from you and Ruth.

As you can probably realize, it has been a long and tedious two years for me. Atlanta is breaking out at the seams with progress and prosperity while the rest of the South flounders in indecision. Our liberal viewpoint, however, subjects us to the most vicious type of anonymous criticism as well as open castigation. We kind of live from one crisis to the next with the full assurance that there will be something else tomorrow.

I hear about you from Paul Buckwalter, with whom I still have close contact sever al times a year. I certainly hope to have the pleasure of seeing you and Ruth some times soon.

Just a word about our own activities - Ivan III is married and in the company business having a great experience. Daddy is still in excellent health, and our business continues to thrive under Bill Glenn's leadership, all of which is very wonderful. Louise is in Europe, and Inman and I will join her in Nairobi on September 7, for a month of big game hunting. I will be back in Atlanta after the first of October, and this is the first time I have been away in twenty months in office. I expect I need it badly.

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I certainly like the looks of the Two Fathom Farm and hope that the pine tree forest is thriving.

If you are still interested in the airplane business, I hope you will fly down to Atlanta sometimes.

Thanks again for your kind letter, and with love to Ruth, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

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