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Dear Mr. Mayor,

I hand you a clipping from today's conservative DALLAS MORNING NEWS .. a story from the Atlanta Bureau of The Associated Press.

This is another infamous Wall, almost as disgraceful, at least in principle, as the one slicing through Berlin.

How cockeyed can you people get, in Georgia? How long do you really believe that you're going to keep Negroes from their rightful civil rights in these desperate days?

To begin with, your lousy barrier will crash when the Courts have time to act, like a box of tinder. You are making a laughing-stock of the American Dream and the pretensions of free Americans in the far reaches of the earth. This new segregation WALL was discussed for over an hour on KRL D, radio, Dallas yesterday afternoon in the program COMMENT and if ever Georgians were ridiculed, it was then, and properly so. It was a great radio forum program.

I'm a white businessman and I despise the institution of second class citizenship you are determined to perpetuate for Negroes in Atlanta. But your objective is doomed to ultimate failure. It is just a matter of time. Meantime, shame on all of you.

I showed a house last night to a wonderful couple, a young professional man and his wife, now living IN ATLANTA. They plan to move to Dallas in February. They are sick of Atlanta's racial policies. Both are highly educated Negroes and this man is in a profession that is desperately needed not only in your city but in most great cities of this blighted land! We welcome him to Dallas where, increasingly, Negroes are regarded as equal to white citizens and are given recognition, as such.

You are giving wonderful aid and comfort to the Communists who will gleefully hold up to all the world their charge, and documentation of it, that we're still largely giving only lip service to our professed institutions of freedom and liberty and equality for all.

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.  
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