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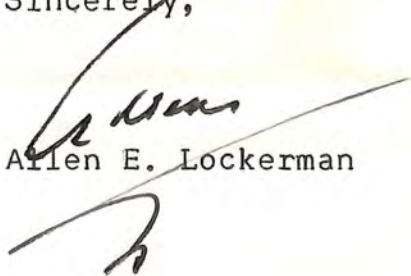
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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

Congratulations on your courageous handling of the inexcusable demonstration last Tuesday. You would be amazed at the number of people who have expressed to me their admiration of your courage.

Sincerely,


Allen E. Lockerman

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 7, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen
3700 Northside Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor:

Just a short note to tell you that my associates who saw or read about your actions yesterday join me in congratulating and thanking you for the outstanding courage demonstrated by you.

You stood ten feet tall in our eyes and we are all very proud of you, because of your devotion and courage beyond the call of duty.

Sincerely,



Carl J. Reith

CJR:wc

GEORGE S. CRAFT
P. O. Box 4418
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30302

September 7

Dear Joan

Your performance yesterday
was superb and I just wish I
could express to you my feelings of
pride in all that you did and
accomplished. You were truly
magnificent. It was your
finest hour and I am tremendously
proud of you and for all that
you stand.

Sincerely

George

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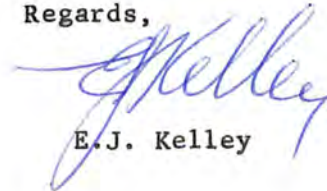
Dear Ivan:

Having now been a citizen of Atlanta for almost twenty years, I felt sure that the national groups which are interested in accomplishing their own aims with no respect for law and order could not effectuate a riot in this city. I have been greatly disappointed that you had to face the disturbances caused by just a few radicals which tends to overthrow all the fine work that has been done in the negro community.

Your handling of the problem Tuesday could not have been better. We all realize that you accomplished by your own actions the only possible physical control of the rioters to prevent another "Watts". Your action will stand in my memory as an act far beyond the call of duty but, I am sure no one can describe what your duty or mine is in such a case.

We all appreciate your fine handling of the situation.

Regards,



E.J. Kelley

EJK/p



JOSEPH A. LOGAN
1819 PEACHTREE ROAD, N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30309

September 9, 1966

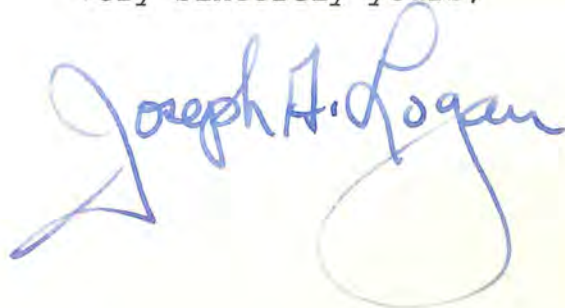
Dear Mayor Allen,

Though I have not in the past agreed with many of your political stands, I hasten at this time to extend to you my sincere appreciation for your extremely courageous and dedicated behavior during the awful hours of the riot on Tuesday evening.

Without the leadership which you exhibited, that terrifying situation could and probably would have resulted in a much greater tragedy.

You have the heart-felt gratitude of my family and me.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph A. Logan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
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Hon. Ivan Allen Jr.
Mayor
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Dear Mayor;

I want to tell you how much I appreciate your very fine efforts in handling the race troubles this week. I think every citizen in Atlanta and the country should be proud of you and your level headed approach to the problem.

You have shown people that leadership of the right kind can result in quelling disturbances of this nature. It is unfortunate that a very few radicals can cause so much strife. So many people blame the entire negro race for the actions of a very small minority, who live by stirring up strife.

Again congratulation to you on such a fine job. It is rewarding to be a citizen of a city where we have this kind of leadership.

Sincerely

D. T. Wells.

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Atlanta Biltmore
Atlanta, Georgia
September 8, 1966

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I do not want the sun to go down this day without my expressing to you the profound admiration I have for the manner in which you met Wednesday's up-heaval.

Surely you must be aware by now of the warm outpouring that your conduct has brought forth from the public. This was so evident at the Fulton County Democratic dinner last night that I wished you too could have been there to see and feel it.

In gratitude,

Sincerely,



The Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

R. A. SIEGEL 2783 WYNGATE ROAD, N. W. • ATLANTA 5, GEORGIA

September 8, 1966

Dear Ivan:

All of us who enjoy the benefit of your leadership in the City of Atlanta should express our indebtedness to you for the courageous action you took during the disturbance on Tuesday evening.

I am just real proud that I know you! You have certainly done a wonderful job this week and we have every reason to be proud of the leadership in our community. I wanted you to know it and I wanted to congratulate you. Thank you so much.

Best regards.



RAS/jm

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
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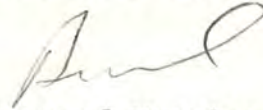
September 7, 1966

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr.
3700 Northside Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30305

Dear Ivan,

I just wanted to take a moment to congratulate you on the masterful way in which you handled the most trying situation on Tuesday, September 6th. I feel the courage you displayed should have a deterring effect upon further troubles. It made me proud of you as the Mayor of Atlanta and of Atlanta, itself. Congratulations!

Yours sincerely,



N. Barnard Murphy, Jr.

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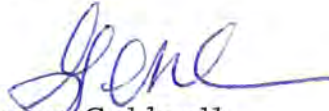
The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Congratulations on the outstanding leadership you displayed during the recent disturbance. You made me proud of you and of our fine city.

Best regards.

Sincerely,



Eugene Caldwell

EC:ej

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30332

OFFICE OF
THE VICE PRESIDENT
FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

September 9, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

A new measure of excellence was established yesterday through your firm, courageous, and fair handling of the disturbances in the Stadium area.

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, for showing Atlanta and the entire country what true, responsible leadership is. Atlanta's greatness is in good hands.

Sincerely,



E. A. Trabant
Vice President for
Academic Affairs

EAT:rw

Inman Park Methodist Church

1015 EDGEWOOD AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30307

September 9, 1966.

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.,
The City Hall
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

As one of the ministers of the city of Atlanta, let me congratulate you on your forthrightness and courage in meeting the situation that arose in the Capitol Avenue - Ormond Street area on Tuesday afternoon this week. There is just no excuse for such rioting as was precipitated by the "Snick" leadership.

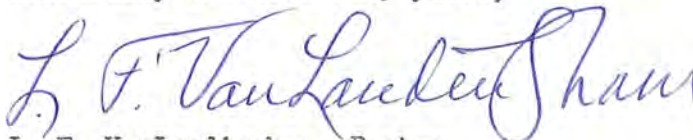
I have sometimes wondered if policemen are not too quick to use their guns, which was the excuse used in this instance. And I have not always been in agreement with certain stands that you have taken with respect to our city. But I have appreciated the manner in which all along you have tried to work to help the Negro people. We need courageous leadership in this field, and you have shown courage again and again.

You certainly acted with courage last Tuesday. I commend you from the bottom of my heart about that. The reluctance of the white mind to welcome a new day in race relationships is deplorable, and lays itself liable to just such as the radical leadership perpetrated on last Tuesday.

But we don't need the Stokely Carmichaels and those of his ilk who fester such actions and attitudes. They do not help the Negro. They hurt him.

Thank you, Mayor Allen, that you moved unhesitatingly and with such courage to try to halt an angry situation. We sincerely hope that we may have no more of what Mr. Carmichael and his gang stirred up that afternoon.

Gratefully and cordially yours,



L. F. VanLandingham, Pastor
Inman Park Methodist Church

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September 9, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

Shortly after you became our mayor, we recall the tragic event that caused you to set aside your own personal grief and feelings of loss and fly overseas to attend to the business of being Mayor of Atlanta. Therefore we were not at all surprised, but merely proud when you again were found attending to the job as Mayor during the race melee the other night. This time you acted without regard to your personal safety and security.

Many of us wondered what our parts should have been in this, Ivan, but, not knowing, had to allow you to take the field alone in defence of the name and good reputation of our great city. Your presence at the site until there was no further cause for fear allowed the rest of us to accept the situation with confidence that what did result would result - the law supported and order restored.

We want you to convey our thanks to our fine police force who themselves could have been more secure in failing to retain constant control of the many and varied facets of such a situation. We all glory and are proud of the many compliments now given to you and them by such national figures as the Vice President.

If in any of the workings that will be required to prevent the influence of SNCC from again being effective in our city, please do not hesitate to call upon me in whatever fashion you think I might be able to serve.

Most sincerely yours,
Charles H. Smith
Charles H. Smith

WILLIAM C. BARTHOLOMAY
ATLANTA STADIUM
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30312

September 8, 1966

Personal & Confidential

Dear Ivan:

I just want to tell you how proud I am in regard to the magnificent manner in which you handled developments this week. For goodness sakes though don't take unnecessary personal risks since we live in a rather crazy world and anything could happen.

With best regards.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W.C. Bartholomay', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

(Dictated by phone)

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September 8, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

The members of Friendship Baptist Church in regular business session on Wednesday night, September 7, 1966, unanimously voted to express to you their deep and sincere appreciation for the courageous leadership you gave the city in the crisis it faced on Tuesday. We join other responsible citizens in deploring violence and all efforts on the part of any person or group of persons deliberately to stir up trouble. As a congregation we stand for the order and progress of our city. We look with disfavor, however, upon those continuing conditions whose existence provide the breeding grounds for disorder. This people committed as we are to the Judeo-Christian way of life pledge our full support to you and others who will work to make this city a just one. Atlanta can become truly great with all of us sharing in the effort to make her so.

By order of the church,

Leila M. Terry

(Mrs.) Leila M. Terry
Church Clerk

Samuel W. Williams

The Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Williams
Pastor

SWW:r

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September 9, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Ivan:

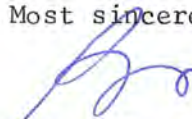
Mildred and I have just returned from a vacation trip up in Northern Michigan.

We were saddened by the unpleasantness here in Atlanta, but were tremendously and favorably impressed with the excellent and precise manner in which you handled the situation.

It was our impression that the national media -- press, television, and radio -- dealt very kindly with the magnificent manner in which you handled the situation.

We were proud of you, my friend; very proud of you.

Most sincerely,



Robert R. Snodgrass

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Sept 9 1966-

Dear Ivan -

Just a note to let you know that
your handling of the recent incidents
on Capitol Avenue and the firemen's
strike here made me proud to know
you and proud to be from Atlanta -

Want bother to acknowledge this as
I am sure you have other more
important things to do -

Sincerely
Conner

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September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I would like to add my thanks for the outstanding job which you did last night in frustrating the so-called riot put on by agent provocateurs. It is apparent that a strenuous effort was made to inflame the race issue in order to influence the upcoming primary. We are all in your debt.

Very warm personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

E. T. Kehrer, Southern Area Director
AFL-CIO Civil Rights Department

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September 14, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I want to congratulate you on your bravery and self-sacrifice in preserving our good city and it's citizens.

Our Company has had dealings with Union labor for many years and we have used a plan that has worked nicely and we have been strike free for over 50 years.

I will be glad to talk to you about this matter if you think it might be of any help.

I plan to be out of the city next week but I will be available the rest of this week or the week after next.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours

John J. Partridge
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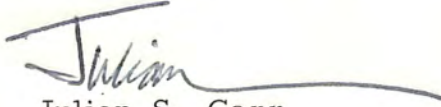
Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Ivan:

It may not be too late to mention your praiseworthy actions on the evening of Tuesday, September 6th. Certainly you showed a full measure of personal courage. Please let me offer to you the following three words of Terence:

"FORTES FORTUNA ADIUVAT"

Highest personal regards. Hope to see you soon,


Julian S. Carr

JSC:ab

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September 15, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
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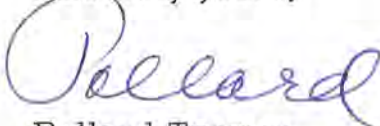
Dear Mr. Mayor:

I have not been able to move about in recent days because of a visit to the hospital. One advantage of a restriction of this sort is that a person watches more television and listens to the radio more. The result in my case was that I heard a great deal more news than I would have otherwise. This came at the time we had the unfortunate incident on Capitol Avenue and Ormond Street, and later Boulevard and North Avenue. In my opinion, you did a great job as Mayor of the City, in keeping the situation under the best possible control. I thought the Police Department also did a fine job.

It is impossible for a city to provide the needs of all the unfortunate; but it is not impossible for a city to work toward the improvement of living conditions, and the economic opportunities of its citizens. One of the encouraging things to me that came out of these explosive and delicate moments was your continued recognition of the fact that termination of the demonstrations and the unrest did not mean that the problems which motivated the demonstrators had been solved. It seems to me clear that we should continue to analyze conditions and the causes of racial strife, with the hope that government officials, business leaders, and the leaders of the Negro community will do whatever can be done to eliminate the conditions that generate the strife. I will help in any way I can by offering some of my time and some of my money.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Pollard Turman
President

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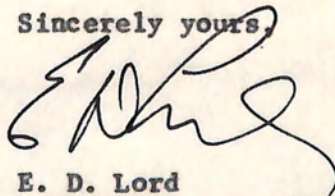
C
Chief Herbert Jenkins
Atlanta Police Department
175 Decatur Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

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Dear Chief Jenkins:

Surely the Police Department is being subjected to very difficult times and circumstances. It has been said that with the charges of "police brutality" and various other pressures the morale of your men cannot help but suffer.

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For whatever it is worth, most citizens of Atlanta very much appreciate the fine job you and your men are doing and I would feel personally remiss if I didn't pass along this sincere commendation for the way in which they have carried out their duties.

Y
Sincerely yours,



E. D. Lord

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cc: Mayor Ivan Allen ✓

FULTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

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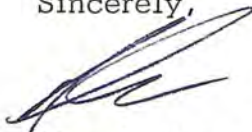
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

Thank you for inviting Edith and me to participate in the dinner given by you and Mrs. Allen to honor the Atlanta Falcons last Thursday evening. It was a very delightful occasion. We enjoyed it very much. We appreciate your warm hospitality.

Your actions in recent weeks regarding the firemen's strike and the recent disturbances near the Stadium have been exemplary. There is no substitute for dedicated, capable political leadership. We are extremely proud of you for your courage and determination during these difficult days. Please accept my heart-felt thanks. If there is anything we can do to be of assistance to you, please call me. Chairman Archie Lindsey has indicated his full support of your actions.

Sincerely,



Alan F. Kiepper
County Manager

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PERSONAL

September 14, 1966

The Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Ivan:

Along with every other citizen of this great city, I have been moved by your display of heroism, courage, and judgment during these trying days.

Thank you for what you are doing. Please don't expose yourself.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George".

George E. Manners
Dean
School of Business Administration

GEM:mjl

September 12, 1966

For Pulse of the Public

Atlanta Constitution

Atlanta, Georgia

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Mayor Ivan Allen understands the true meaning of "emergency" as being a time to emerge. Every emergency is like a knife -- if it is picked up by the blade it will hurt, but if the "knife" is picked up by the handle it can be of service. The mayor has a strong hand -- guided by an intelligent head and an understanding heart -- that has picked up Atlanta's current racial emergency by the handle to serve the entire city.

Ivan Allen combines from Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With The Wind" characters the dignified refinement of an Ashley Wilkes with the manly courage of a Rhett Butler. From a fuller quotation by Ernest Dowson, including Miss Mitchell's famous title, is:

"I have forgot much, Cynara! gone with the wind,

Flung roses, roses riotously with the throng."

Mayor Allen has flung roses of words and deeds -- fragrant of law and order -- in the past week's throng. He has the respect and admiration of all Atlanta citizens. Atlanta now is no Scarlett O'Hara who can afford to put off thinking about problems until tomorrow. The mayor is truly leading the way on a today basis.

In any praise of Atlanta, Mayor Allen is the major asset!

Mrs. George Beattie

✓ BC TO MAYOR IVAN ALLEN - Take care of yourself!
Thanks from all the Beatties - and all
of Atlanta - Virginia Beattie
(George is out of town - or he would be writing too!)

DATE Sept. 7, 1966 AM
TIME 6:50 P.M. PM

CALL PLACED TO _____

CALL RECEIVED FROM Mr Charles T. White, Tampa, Fla.

MESSAGE: The above person called this office at the above time complimenting Mayor Ivan Allen for the remarks or comments that he had seen the Mayor make on Television earlier this afternoon that was on T.V. in Tampa, Fla. Stated to me, that in his opinion Mayor Allen was a very fine fellow and that he agreed and supported his views one hundred percent on the recent problems that he has been faced with and he only regretted that he could not be here to shake his hand personally and ask that I shake his hand for him.

Mr White is a native of Infield N.C., and is working at present in Tampa. I assured him that his compliments and also his interest was appreciated, and that said message would be delivered to Mayor Allen.

To be charged to Mr Charles T. White

Address Tampa, Fla.

Received By Lt. H.M.Kersey, General Office Evening Watch
Police Department

Call authorized by _____

59 favorable
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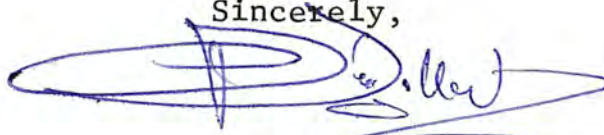
Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Your courageous conduct and levelheaded method of handling the recent racial disturbances in Atlanta merits the commendation of the citizens of Atlanta.

Leadership such as yours makes me proud to be a citizen of Atlanta.

Sincerely,



J. Kurt Holland

JKH:bsw

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Sept. 12, 1966

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor,
City Hall,
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen: Mrs. Lewis and I wish to commend and congratulate you for your tolerance and wisdom in handling the race conflicts here in Atlanta.

In such a time as this Atlanta is standing before the world and judgments will be made for or against our City depending on the solution of this situation.

Our prayers are with you.

Sincerely yours,

Thos L Lewis

Thos. L. Lewis
Mrs. Thos. L. Lewis

#3779 N. Stratford Rd.,
Atlanta, Ga.

September 14, 1966

Mr. George W. Boutwell
3476 Devinney Circle #4
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

Dear Mr. Boutwell :

During these difficult days, it is gratifying to have
your message of confidence and encouragement.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor

IAJr:lp

George W. Boutwell
3476 Devinnery Cir #4
Atlanta, Ga. 30319
457-0662

Ivan Allen, Mayor
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen,

I would like to volunteer my services on the police force during the present and any future crisis that we have here in Atlanta. I am not enough of a man to do you any good in times of trouble, but I will be glad to do things like directing traffic and anything that will relieve a capable man.

If I can ever be of service, please feel free to call on me. I am 34 and in fairly good health, but I have not had the training to be a permanent policeman nor do I have the desire to become one. I feel that it is the duty of all citizens to offer their services.

My address is above along with my telephone number. I get off from work at 3:30 PM, but I can get off at any time for a crisis. Once again, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely Yours,
George W. Boutwell

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HERCHEL R. COILE
Branch Sales Manager
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September 12, 1966

Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I take this opportunity to state that in the last few days, your attitudes and actions have made many a Southerner raise his chin a little higher, and take great pride in his heritage. As an Atlantian, your stern, firm but fair action has me walking about "eleven feet tall".

Best Personal Regards,


Herchel R. Coile

HRC/lb

September 13, 1966
Atlanta, Georgia
600 Willard Ave., SW

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.,
Mayor of Atlanta,
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I take just a minute of your time to congratulate you for your courage and the fine and sincere manner in which you are dealing with our present problems.

We in Atlanta are thankful for you, and feel that with your sound judgement our difficulties will be resolved.

Sincerely yours,

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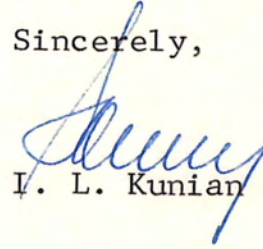
September 13, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Many thanks for being the fine mayor of a great city. I am sure that all Atlantans were never more proud of you and our town than during the "crisis" last week.

Sincerely,


I. L. Kunian

(Sonny)

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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to personally congratulate and commend you on the definite and courageous stand you have taken during the recent racial problems in Atlanta. I apologize for not being in a position to write earlier, but I was out of town a good portion of last week; however, I can assure you that I didn't miss any of the newscasts or neglect an opportunity to keep up to date on the current situation in Atlanta.

Before I left for Texas last weekend, I told Carl Reith, our president and a personal friend of yours, how much I admired the action you had initiated, and I want to go on record that you have considerably more "nerve" than I have at this point. I would further like to state, that although my time seems to be at a premium, I know that you are a much busier individual than any of us at Colonial Stores and if I can ever help in any way, please feel free to call on me. I would deem it a privilege and an honor to be able to support you in any manner. You have my utmost respect and confidence.

Sincerely,



Wm. M. Robinson

WMR:mcl

cc: Mr. Carl J. Reith



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September 13, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
Atlanta City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

We who love Atlanta are lucky to have a man dedicated to the task of making this an even better place to live. I am sure your tireless efforts in stopping the current racial strife and preventing future problems is appreciated by all, but I would like to take the time to thank you personally and ask you not to take any more chances than you feel absolutely necessary.

Sincerely,

N. E. Cornish, Manager
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September 10, 1966

Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
68 Mitchell St., S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30314

My Dear Mayor Allen:

This letter is not only to laud you for the great efforts you have shown in making Atlanta a place of harmony and providing a democratic government for all its people but to praise you for the great courage exemplified in the recent racial incident. You stood as a "Gulliver in the midst of the Lilliputians" or as an invulnerable man in the midst of enemies. You won your battle with courage as did David against Goliath.

Any rational person should be aware that the racial question is not one that will be solved over night in the minds and hearts of Negroes or whites. Neither will it be solved by violence. Consequently, Stokely Carmichael and S.N.C.C. should be ashamed of inciting riots that causes innocent black and white men to be injured and killed while they cowardly slip away completely unharmed. The Civil rights movement by no means should cease, but the tactics of S.N.C.C. are only impeding the progress of the Negro at a time when he is benefitted more than at any other time in the history of his existence in America.

Complimenting you again, we wish you to know that the actions of S.N.C.C. are not the consensus of the great majority of Negroes. There are many of us who still desire to become conscious contributors and lay aside the status of beneficiary and ward for that of a collaborator and participant in the American Civilization. We appreciate you greatly.

Sincerely,

Fred Ellis
Student of Morehouse College



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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,
Mayor, City of Atlanta,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

It pleases me very much to compliment you most highly on the courageous, forceful and humane manner in which you handled the Summerhill riot. Were it not for your prompt and intelligent action, I shudder to think of the loss of life and property that would have resulted as well as the great harm that would have been done to our total community.

I am thankful for your leadership and for your sincere effort toward eliminating, where possible, many of the factors that make American cities vulnerable to disturbances and unrest.

Sincerely,


Max M. Cuba

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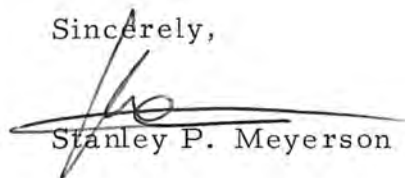
Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

You handled the impossible "Snick" situation with remarkable restraint and good old-fashioned "guts".

Atlanta is proud of its Mayor!

Sincerely,



Stanley P. Meyerson

SPM:jfc

VICTOR K. MEADOR
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September 12, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor,
City of Atlanta,
City Hall,
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Mr. Allen:

Just wanted you to know that we think you are doing a wonderful job as our mayor. We are proud of the way you have handled the racial and riot situation.

Sincerely,

Victor K. Meador



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ROUTE TO: _____

Monday, September 12, 1966

Indignation over the meaningless murder of a teenage youth this weekend is not a reaction just of the Negro residents of Atlanta. It is shared by thousands, by the great majority of people whose feelings reflect the real character of the City.

Public indignation and condolence must be expressed. As one public voice, Channel 5 expresses it. We support the Mayor's pledge to bring those responsible to justice.

Anyone who has any information regarding this crime has the moral obligation to report it to the authorities.

Because of this shocking murder of an innocent youth, shot from a passing car, the weekend disorders may have been an understandable reaction of frustrated people, trapped in conditions they cannot change, faced with problems they cannot solve alone.

But disorder and violence in the street solve nothing. Those so-called "leaders" who whip up the emotions of these people have a record of zero on the scoreboard.

Atlanta's poverty people need schools, jobs, decent places to live.

There is no magic wand to wave to get these things. But throwing rocks and firebombs won't get them either. They aren't going to help anybody with anything.

The public policy must be to contain them and restrict them, using whatever police power is necessary.

Let us as a Community, regardless of race or creed, stand behind this policy. Let us stand behind it not in anger or resentment, but simply because no other policy can serve the public interest. The public we mean takes in everybody, those in the riot neighborhoods and everybody else.

For his own safety and his value to the City, we ask Mayor Allen to get out of the streets. He has demonstrated this City's concern, and publicly delivered this city's pledge to move against the problems of slums and poverty and delinquency. He has shown tremendous leadership.

Further participation in any riot scenes won't convince anybody of anything.

We urge him to stick to the conference table, with true representatives of the majority of Atlanta's Negro citizens.

The loud mouths and wild proposals of the would-be leaders are great for stirring up disorder and violence, but they don't put any points on the scoreboard. Channel 5 calls upon the City's prominent Negro citizens to unite--now--in a strong leadership force that can speak out for the majority, and get some results.

The only answer to the irresponsible action of recent days is responsible action by responsible forces.

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DEPARTMENT OF MODERN FOREIGN
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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
The City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

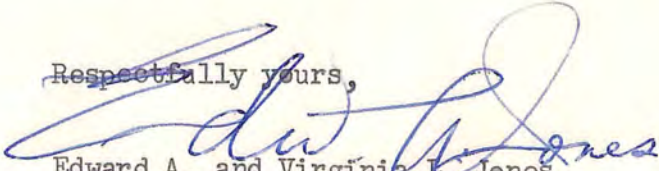
Dear Sir:

This letter comes to assure you that we, along with hundreds of other Negro citizens of Atlanta, are behind you one hundred per cent in your efforts to maintain the fine image of this city and to prevent mob violence and racially aroused passions from destroying what has been so painstakingly achieved here in the area of race relations.

Your courage has been admirable in the riot situations that have developed. You have shown that you are genuinely concerned with the conditions which led to the current explosions. We are fearful of your personal safety in continued exposure to the angry, undisciplined mobs in the streets. We do not want to lose so valuable a leader and friend. These turbulent times require the wisdom and courage and vision of a man like you.

It is our opinion that knowing that there are Negro Atlantans who appreciate what you are doing and who support you in your progressive program for an even greater Atlanta will help to fortify you for the struggle that lies ahead. We also feel that no concessions should be made to Stokeley Carmichael and his SNCC following in the Black Power nonsense. We hope that the law will deal sternly with him and thus help to destroy the subversive forces that are at work to bring chaos to our city and country.

Respectfully yours,


Edward A. and Virginia L. Jones

1341 Thurgood Street, S.W.

Atlanta, Georgia 30314



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September 7, 1966

LANIER H. PATTERSON, ARCHITECT

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Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

You are a brave man and I want to express to you my deep admiration.

We had Johnnie Dilbeck talking to us at our Civitan Club last Tuesday and I think he is much safer going in a lions' cage than you were going among the animals yesterday.

Thank you for being a fine Mayor.

Sincerely



Francis M. Daves

FMD/ac

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30332

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

September 7, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Sitting comfortably in a chair after breakfast, I read about the trouble yesterday--the two first page stories in the CONSTITUTION and Mr. Patterson's superb editorial built mostly around your words and deeds.

As a moderately active liberal, I am saddened by the incident; it should not have happened. Yet it was a small affair when compared with Watts and similar outbreaks in northern and western cities. Atlanta's image as a southern city which manages to handle its problems is not seriously damaged.

You had some help from the police and from sensible negro leaders. But it was your coolness, courage, and resourcefulness which saved the day. Yesterday you won a Congressional Medal or its equivalent, and you also achieved the personal stature in the minds of whites and colored which will enable you deal effectively with the issues which remain.

Cheers and cheers for the Mayor!

Respectfully yours,

Edward Foster

Edward Foster
Professor of English

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HAMILTON LOKEY
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Dear Ivan:

I'm leaving this morning to take some depositions in Akron, and I couldn't leave before dropping you a line to say how proud I am of our Mayor and the manner in which you handled an explosive issue.

Martha and I were returning home from a trip several weeks when we heard you on Meet the Press. You stood head and shoulders above the other mayors then, and I'm sure everyone in this great country of ours feels you are tops now.

You're the greatest thing to happen to Atlanta since Coca Cola.

Sincerely

Charlie Lokey

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The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Just a note of appreciation for you and your conduct yesterday.
We are all very proud of and thankful for you. I shudder to think
of our having a lesser man in your shoes.

But - be careful of yourself!

Roberta joins me in sending love to your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. H. Letton', written in a cursive style.

A. H. Letton, M. D.

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The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor - City of Atlanta
City Hall
68 Mitchell, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Our paths haven't crossed lately to enable me to say what a splendid job I think you are doing as Mayor.

I felt impelled to at least send you a note after yesterday's demonstration with your courageous and able action.

Atlantans should be - and I feel sure are - proud and grateful for the job you're doing. You have our best wishes - and our prayers.

Sincerely,



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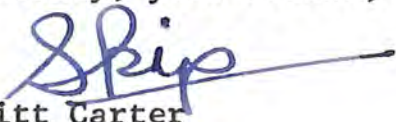
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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

Just a line to express my admiration of your courageous and capable handling on yesterday of a most difficult problem and situation. All citizens of Atlanta owe you a debt of gratitude.

Very sincerely, your friend,


W. Colquitt Carter

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Col. Walter G. Meyer USA Ret.
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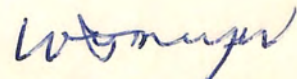
Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,
Mayor of Atlanta,
City Hall,
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

This letter is being written on a wholly non-political basis as I am firmly opposed to a number of your policies and actions and, for that reason, moved out of the City of Atlanta.

I must, however, congratulate you for the stand and actions you took last night in connection with the "riots". Your intestinal fortitude and convictions, under the circumstances, were wholly admirable. You are probably the only Mayor of a large city who took such direct and responsible action and did not take refuge in his office. Congratulations!!

Cordially,



WALTER G. MEYER



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September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

You have the admiration and support of all law-abiding citizens of Atlanta by your courageous and heroic confrontation of the lawless mob of agitators on Tuesday.

It is clear to all that having the top elected official of the city in the forefront did much to quell the mob, and minimize the destructive aspects of this well-planned insurrection.

It is as painful to all citizens of Atlanta as it is to you to see our wonderful record in the area of race relations marred by outside agitators. Please be assured that you have the support and admiration of all of your friends and true citizens of our great city.

Sincerely,

John O. McCarty

JOM/bc

When can we visit Hope Towne again?

Sept 1966
M— A. H. YANCEY
676 Beckwith St., S.W.,
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Mr Ivan Allen Jr
Mayor of Atlanta

This is merely to let you know personally
that I admire your manhood, stamina and
honor-courage as Mayor of this, the best city
in the U.S. today.

Thus may not take time to express themselves
but I assure you that I am not alone in my
appreciation of Wisdom Justice and Moderation

Respectfully Yours

A. H. Yancey

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September 8, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

I want to express to you my personal appreciation of the fine job which you have done in coping with problems arising out of the firemen's strike and the racial disorders earlier this week. At all times, you have been dignified and fair in your approach, but when necessary, you have shown that you can also be firm.

In dealing with large groups or masses of people in an emotionally-charged atmosphere, good leadership demands not only a willingness to be conciliatory and understanding of the other fellow's problems, but also letting everyone know that unreasonable and disorderly actions will not be tolerated. You have certainly displayed these qualities to an admirable degree under very trying circumstances.

I think one of the tragic mistakes made by the city administrations and police officials in other cities where these riots have gotten out of hand has been to temporize and tolerate too much from the radical extremist leaders. This enables the radical leader to grow in strength in the eyes of the mob, and he becomes doubly difficult to deal with later on. Also, in these other cities, they allowed themselves to be persuaded to withdraw police enforcement and protection at the outset of the trouble, thus leaving the arena completely dominated by the radical leaders and with no law and order there to give aid and comfort to the decent Negro citizens. Fortunately for us, you and Chief Jenkins did not make these tactical mistakes, for had you done so, the radical leaders would have had a clear field in which to gain momentum for their disorders, and it would have been a thousandfold more difficult for the police to go back in and quell the disorders at a later date.

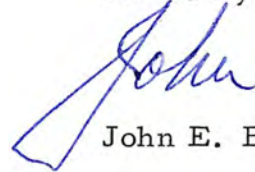
Although things have quieted down and seem to be in good shape today on the racial front, we will all be hoping and praying that no further trouble arises. I feel a lot better about the situation knowing that you and Chief Jenkins are following a wise course in displaying the qualities of good leadership which are so desperately needed in these situations. I am proud of the fact that so many of our decent Negro citizens had the courage and good sense

to deplore the violent approach to the solution of racial problems advocated by Stokely Carmichael and SNCC, but many of these Negro leaders could not have spoken out effectively if our City Government had not provided a proper atmosphere and demonstrated that these citizens would be backed up by a City policy of fairness and firmness which would not permit the radicals to take over.

I am sorry I allowed this letter to get too long. But I just wanted you and Chief Jenkins to know that your attitudes and actions are deeply appreciated during these turbulent crises.

With warm regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then loops back under the name.

John E. Branch

JEB:lew

cc: Chief Herbert Jenkins
Atlanta Police Department
Atlanta, Georgia



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ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30327

PHONE 231-4737

SAUL FELDMAN
DAVE LANDAU



Dear Mr. Mayor:

I was born in Atlanta,
grew up in Capitol - Ormond cres
and was graduated from James L. Key
Elementary.

Never have I been prouder to
say I'm from Atlanta and Ivan
Allen is my Mayor.

Best wishes to you always -

Saul Feldman

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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

For some months I have wanted to write an expression of my appreciation of your many accomplishments as Mayor and your outstanding contributions to all the wide spectrum of activities in our great city. I have deferred writing simply because I was unable to adequately express myself without becoming verbose.

After yesterday's exhibition of raw courage, I can only say that I am proud of Mayor Ivan Allen and also of the true citizens of Atlanta who have so carefully conducted themselves under extremely trying circumstances.

When the history of Atlanta is written, I suspect your administration will be recorded as one beset by more and greater problems and by more and greater accomplishments than any other. The problems are not resolved by any means, but under your guidance, there is hope of ultimate solutions which will benefit all citizens in our Atlanta area.

Sincerely yours,

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September 7, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Permit me to join with your other many friends and admirers in complimenting you upon the leadership you so courageously demonstrated during the rioting on Tuesday, September 6, 1966. Without doubt your patience and forbearance, coupled with firmness and insistence upon law and order, prevented a more serious situation.

I'm sure your fellow city officials over Georgia were equally impressed with your composure and dedication to duty.

Sincerely,

W. Elmer George
Executive Director

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Dear Ivan:

We are all very proud of you.

Best regards,



Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
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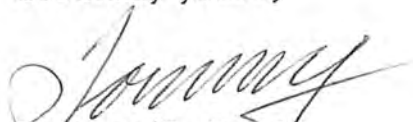
September 8, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Mayor:

You were magnificent during our recent unpleasantness, and I want you to know you have my greatest admiration.

Cordially yours,



Thomas H. Read

THR:man

1174 Zimmer Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
September 8, 1966.

Dear Ivan:

There are many reasons why I value your friendship so highly. Foremost among these, of course, is the fact that your father was one of my staunchest supporters during the many years I was with the Atlanta Retail Merchants Association. He was a great encouragement to me and stood behind me in everything I did.

I shall remember always that you cancelled an out-of-town engagement to be the speaker at the testimonial given Reba and me by the Association shortly before my retirement. That alone would endear you to me forever.

Then you had the vision and courage to give Atlanta Big League Baseball and Football. Baseball is my favorite sport, and it is wonderful to have the opportunity to see right here in Atlanta all of the best baseball players in the world. And when Atlanta gets into a World Series, as I believe she will within the next few years, I just hope I shall be fortunate enough to see some of those games.

Just recently you have conducted yourself magnificently in connection with the Firemen's Strike; and what now appears to have been a Castro-inspired riot, through some hot-headed revolutionaries in our midst.

Well, there are many other reasons, and I just felt, in a time of great stress, that you should be told your friends are standing solidly behind you in your efforts to make our beloved Atlanta a beacon-light city for all to see.

Cordially & Sincerely



L. L. Austin.

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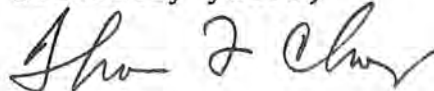
PERSONAL

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
% City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Sir:

I think that you have run a remarkable show with respect to both the firemen situation and the recent near riot. Please let this act as my way of expressing my personal pride in being connected with your administration.

Sincerely yours,



Thomas F. Choyce

This letter was sent to the Atlanta Journal and Atlanta Constitution today.

September 19, 1966

To the Editor:

UPGRADED or DEGRADED?

It is hereby suggested that citizens of Atlanta proclaim a MAYOR IVAN ALLEN APPRECIATION DAY in honor of the illustrious (and commonsense) mayor. He was directly responsible for quelling possible riots instigated by angry individuals giving vent to their feelings after unfortunate shooting incidents on North Boulevard Street and other areas.

A writer has viewed his opinion that the scene of the mayor being jostled from an automobile top to the ground only to land on his knees before the rioting crowd was 'degrading.' Frankly, my first thought was that the mayor was most agile in picking himself up before anyone could start a count-down to ten.

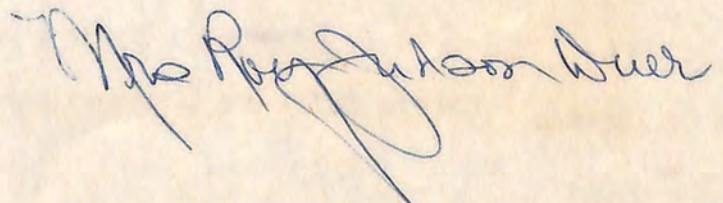
As can be expected of any brave and honorable General he was there ready to go into battle with his men on the battlefield, if need be. However, the peppery mayor was on the scene placating in the capacity of peacemaker.

The aforementioned writer who 'fired' me up to write this letter has added that it was a 'sickening experience' to see the mayor jeered and chanted down on Boulevard.

Just a reminder that another peacemaker at another time carried his cross to Calvary amidst jeers and cheers and has been revered for two thousand years for his complete dedication to his God-given purpose of bringing light and truth and peace into the world.

Mrs. Roy Judson Duer

Post Office Box 18604 (Lenox Square Station)
Atlanta, Georgia 30326



"OLD FUDD"
P.O. BOX 4541,
ATLANTA, GEORGIA. 30302

Atlanta, Ga.,
Sept. 19, 1966.

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.,
% City Hall,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Allen,


Just to let you know that you have my personal admiration and approval of your handling of the recent racial disturbances in our city.

As one of your very first supporters for the office of mayor I was one of the small number of citizens that were not surprised at your display of courage when the chips were down, as it was what I had anticipated from a field grade officer, (Major) from our war...world war 2, and this was what dicated my writing a letter to the editors that appeared in the Atlanta Journal of Sept. 15th issue in support of your action.

Your action as you know has attracted national attention, and you may be pressured to accept 2nd spot on a national ticket.

I still have your letter telling me that you only wished to be mayor of Atlanta, and did not want any national office. I thought your decision wise at the time, and still think you would have more political influence as mayor of a great city than as a "Veep" on any ticket nationally, altho it seems obvious to me that "Bobby" Kennedy is giving you serious consideration as a possible running mate IF he should head a national ticket for the Democratic Party, as you'd be a natural for him despite the difference in your ages, looking at it from the practical view that the Kennedy money can take the N. East, Ohio, Illinois and the far West (California) but no amount of money can carry the South for Bobby Kennedy! Texas would at least split 50-50 for him, the anti-LBJ vote....as I see it.

If offered such a deal and you wish to try it in the future, my offer of help for you is still open and I still have a heavy political following in most of the States. We were unable to put Sam Yorty over in California BUT it was a close one....and make no mistake about it Sam Yorty is a good man. He was, in our war, Capt. Sam Yorty, Air Corp, attached to the 3rd Army, on Leyte in the Pacific....but I agree with the majority of the people of our city that Atlanta needs your proven leadership, most especially during these trying times of racial unrest along with rapid economic growth, and I hope that even tho offered such a post you'd still chose to remain in Atlanta.

Sincerely, 
Edgar P. Scott, P.O. Box 4541, Atlanta, Ga.

1492 South Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia
September 12, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

We are very proud, Mayor Allen - - - - -

of the wonderful spirit which you showed to Atlanta, Georgia, and yes, even the entire country during the recent riot in the Negro community!

As many of us feel, we are moving too slowly in the slum clearances, both for Negroes and Whites, but I also realize this problem cannot be solved overnight, and to a degree, we will always have problem areas in housing especially. I do feel, however, that anyone, whether he be Negro or White, who fails to obey the laws of our cities, states, and Federal government, should be punished.

I felt that you were the person for the job as Mayor, I voted for you, I have not always agreed with your thinking on every subject, but I do pledge my full support to a man as yourself, who will take the stand and back law and order in our City, as you did the other night. May you have many years in which to serve our City, as I feel that your leadership in our great City of Atlanta has been a "booster" for Atlanta, Georgia, and even the South!

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Bobbie M. Sledge

(Mrs.) Bobbie M. Sledge
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September 16, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor, City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I am very, very proud of you.

My delay in writing this is because I had hoped to say it in person. But a heavy schedule at the office and heavy responsibilities at home keep me tied up.

We are all so proud of your personal courage, your magnificent leadership and your unbelievable patience.

I have always believed that when England was at its greatest, it was due largely to the fact that the privileged class believed in and practiced the spirit of "Noblesse Oblige". When you and Louise paid the condolence call on the negro mother, it occurred to me that your example and this same spirit will lead Atlanta to greatness too.

Leonard joins me in admiration and warm regards to both of you. Please take care of yourself and call on me whenever I can help.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Leonard Haas

P.S. Please tell George that we admired his courage too.

Exclusive Interview—

A NEGRO BUSINESSMAN SPEAKS HIS MIND



Will racial demonstrations, now spreading across the nation, solve the Negro's problems? Is the Negro actually a "second-class citizen"? If so, who is to blame—the white man? You get unexpected answers to these and other questions from a leading Negro businessman. He is S. B. Fuller, interviewed in Chicago by a member of the staff of "U. S. News & World Report." His conclusions: A Negro, like anybody else, can get ahead only by hard work and enterprise.

AT CHICAGO

Q Mr. Fuller, are the doors of opportunity closed to the Negro in America today?

A No, I don't think so. The Negro has the same rights that other people have in America—

Q In what way do you mean?

A He has a right to vote, he has a right to start a business for himself, and he has a right to find a job, providing there's anybody that he can sell his service to. But he has to learn to use those rights.

Q Did you find it possible to get ahead?

A Yes, indeed. I left Louisiana at the age of 15 years with a sixth-grade education. My people moved to Memphis, Tenn., and we lived there for eight years. Then I hitchhiked my way to Chicago. I got a job here and found out that I could not get ahead working for somebody else.

In 1935 I had \$25, and I took the \$25 and bought some soap and started selling soap from door to door. And from that \$25, it developed into this business today.

Q Did you find racial barriers difficult?

A No, because I sold my own people my own product.

Q What is the value of your sales annually, would you say?

A This year, it will run about 10 million dollars.

Q Do you have markets in the South, too?

A We have markets in the South for the colored only. We don't have any markets in the South where we sell to the whites. But we have white customers in the North.

Q Has that market grown much in recent years?

A Yes, it has a constant growth. We continue to buy out other companies—if we find a white company having financial problems, we buy it out. Then we keep the white employees and add to the colored payroll.

Q How many employees do you have altogether?

A We have on our total payroll about 600 employees.

Q How many of these are white?

A About 20 percent of them are white. And in our door-to-door selling, we have about 3,000 people selling and about 500 of those are white.

Q Is there any friction? Do white persons seem to resent working for you?

A No, the white people here are talking integration more than the colored people.

Q What do you mean by that?

A Here, in our organization, the white people are very sensitive about being treated as inferior in our organization. They are more concerned about discrimination than the Negroes are.

One thing that I find in my organization is this: If I don't watch very closely, the Negro bosses here will discriminate and hire all Negroes and no whites. I'm constantly watching them to see that they hire people on their merit and not on the color of their skin.

Q Would you say, then, that racial discrimination is found among all races?

A It is a universal human trait—and people use it if they can do so, at a profit. When it becomes unprofitable, they forget it.

Here in our organization, it pays the white people not to discriminate against the Negro, and they don't. But the Negroes will discriminate against the white people because they are trying to get the white people out of some of these well-paying jobs and put some Negroes in them.

Q In what way do they try this?

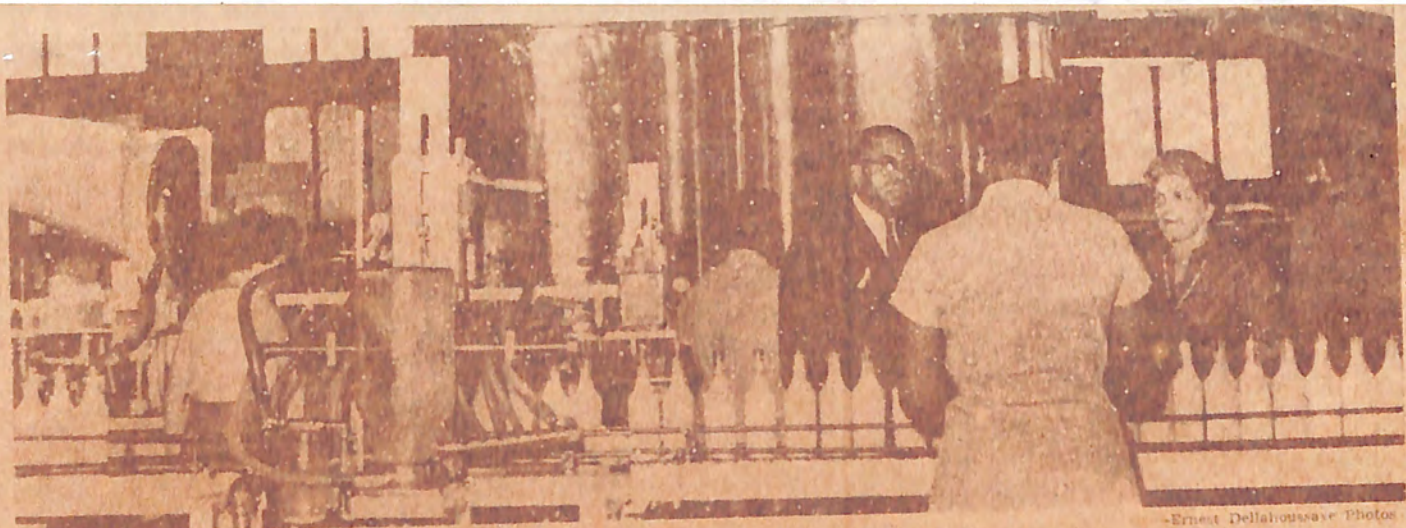
A If a white man applies for a job, and if nobody else knows it, the Negro supervisor will not hire him. He'll hire another Negro.

Q In general, what do you think is the answer to the race problem in this country?

A Well, the problem is one the Negro has to work out himself. Negroes are not discriminated against because of the color of their skin. They are discriminated against because they have not anything to offer that people want to buy.

The minute that they can develop themselves so they excel in whatever they do—then they are going to find that they don't have any real problems.

An example is baseball. There was discrimination in the big leagues. But when the owners of the big leagues found out that Negroes could play just as well as whites, discrimination in the big leagues ended as far as Negro players are concerned.



—Ernest Dellahoussaye Photos

Mr. Fuller inspects operations at his cosmetics plant in Chicago

S. B. Fuller, at 58, has reached a level of business success attained by few men—white or Negro. In addition to the Fuller Products Company, which produces a nationally known line of cosmetics and allied products, he controls eight other corporations. Among them is a department store in Chicago, a real estate trust in New York, and the "Courier" chain of newspapers serving Negro readers in Chicago, New York, Detroit and Pittsburgh.

Born of poor parents in Louisiana, Mr. Fuller went to school only as far as the sixth grade. Moving to Chicago as a young man, he started the Fuller Products Company in 1935 on a capital of \$25. Today its gross sales come to more than 10 million dollars a year. While he opposes the views and tactics being used by "militant" Negroes, Mr. Fuller describes himself as an "integrationist"—pointing out that many of his employes are white.

Q Is there any justification, then, for Negro complaints about their lot in life?

A They have some legitimate complaints, but not very many. They will find that you cannot sue a man and make him want to live next door to you. You've got to sell him the idea that you are just as good as he is, by performance. You must perform well in your job. You must train your youngsters. You must keep your community as clean as the white man's community. You must keep up the home as well as he does.

Q If the Negroes have not done these things, why is that?

A I don't think that the Negroes have been taught enough concerning this. Remember this: The Negroes have been free for 100 years, but during that time, the white man has not told Negroes the truth. He has always taught the Negroes that they were in a disadvantage. He never told Negroes that they should do business for themselves, that they should clean up their own community, and that they should accept community responsibility.

They have never told him this in plain English. Nor has the white man told Negroes what the white people say about the Negro when the Negro is not present. This is what they should start doing—telling Negroes in their presence what they say about them in their absence.

Q Do you mean mention the unfavorable comments about Negroes?

A Yes. If it's bad, then tell them.

Q Are the racial demonstrations doing any good?

A The demonstrations have made the white man know that the Negroes are dissatisfied. But he knew that in the first place. Beyond that, I don't think they have done any good. In fact, they have done harm in the picture they give of Negroes.

Q Will the demonstrations continue, do you think?

A Oh, they will go on as long as they get publicity from it. When they don't get any publicity, they will die out. I don't think the demonstrations will go on as much as 18 months longer.

Q Do Martin Luther King and others of his views speak for the Negro people as a whole?

A No, they speak for certain small groups of people. If

they were speaking for the Negro people as a whole, you'd find more Negroes demonstrating. As it is, those who are demonstrating and "sitting in" are a very small minority of the Negroes.

Q Are the Black Muslims really important in the Negro community?

A No, they are not. The Black Muslims have a very small organization. It is tightly organized and its members are loyal to their cause, but their number is very small.

Q Why is it that we hear so much about the frustrations of the Negro?

A It's because they have been played up so much on the television, on the radio and in the newspapers.

Q Do you ever hear of militant Negroes calling you an "Uncle Tom"?

A No Negro calls me an "Uncle Tom." He can't call me "Uncle Tom" because I employ white people. And "Uncle Tom" never employed any white people.

Q What about the charge of some militant Negroes that Negro moderates are subservient to whites?

A I think that this is very dangerous—it is an attempt to muzzle free speech. I think that every man should have a right to his own opinion. I may disagree with him, but I defend his right to say it.

There are more moderates than we hear of, but some are afraid to give their opinion. They are being muzzled, they are somewhat fearful of speaking out.

Q Do you find any other Negro businessmen getting ahead in the same way that you did?

A I find a few, but I don't think that enough Negroes are doing so, because no one has sat down and told them of the possibilities of doing something for themselves.

Q What about the argument that it is the white man or "society" that is to blame for the Negro's problems?

A The crimes that you find in Harlem, for instance, are caused by the people of Harlem, and it's nobody's fault but that of the people of Harlem. I came from a very poor family and, in those days, there was not the crime that you have today. When I was a boy, they kept us busy doing something. Today it's hard to find a boy in Harlem to sell newspapers.

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... "Negroes must learn to risk their capital"

come tax on over \$100,000. How else could a sixth-grade scholar have a job in America that paid him over \$100,000 a year unless he was in business for himself?

Q Why are Negroes reluctant to get into business? Are they afraid to assume responsibility, do you think?

A Yes, I do think so. There have been some failures in Negro business; there are failures in all businesses. But Negroes must learn to risk their capital—not put it in other people's banks and draw 3 or 4 per cent on it, when they could use it among themselves and make 10 or 15 per cent.

Q Would you say that today it is still possible for a Negro with a high-school diploma to make good?

A Oh, yes. It's still possible for a Negro with a grammar-school education to make good. I have a young Negro who sells—he's 24 years old. He came from Lexington, Miss., and I've taught him to sell, and he's averaging now from \$10,000 to \$12,000 a year selling from door to door.

"LAWS DO LITTLE GOOD"—

Q Will laws passed in Washington assure the Negroes the things they really want?

A The laws are going to do very little good, because in the North the Negro has every legal right that anyone else has. In the South, there is legal segregation—but in the North we don't have it. So when the white people in the North keep away from the colored people, it is because it's not an economic advantage to get together.

Q What about the Negroes in the South?

A The only way the Negro in the South can solve his problem is to continue to press for the ballot—not for sit-ins and not for eating at the lunch counter and not for the other rights. First there must be the right to vote. Once he starts voting, you will find the racial issue in the South will disappear.

Q Is the racial conflict in this country going to spread? Will it result in bloodshed?

A No, I think the racial conflict in this country is at its height right now. From now on it's going to have a trend downward.

Q Do Negroes still tend to feel inferior?

A Yes, Negro people are just as good as anybody else. This they must know. But they cannot convince others until they convince themselves.

I have found no barriers to me in business. I am a member of the National Association of Manufacturers, of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry, of the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce, of the National Association of Direct Selling Companies. I serve on committees, I can be elected to any office that I aspire to in these organizations. There is no discrimination that I find in these organizations.

Q What about the charge that well-to-do Negroes tend to ignore the rest of the Negro community and its problems? Is there any truth to this?

A No, I don't think so. I am working with the churches and all the civic organizations in Chicago. I am a member of the board of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry. I'm a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. I work with the YMCA. I work with the Urban League. I work with all of the civic organizations in the community.

I am trying right now to organize a group to buy a hospital in the Negro community, and I'm also the treasurer of the Midwest Baptist Home for the Aged. I am in civic affairs and I find all the other Negroes here in business are doing the same thing.

Q What would be your advice today to a young Negro coming out of school?

A My advice today is, first, go to school and get a good education. It's not up to the teacher to see that he gets it. It's up to the student. When a Negro child goes to school, he must concentrate on his work.

Then, when he comes out of school, come out with something to offer, a talent that he can sell.

Q But we hear that the schools available to Negroes often are inferior, that they don't offer a good education—

A Well, I think that the schools that the Negroes attend here in Chicago have about the same facilities as other schools. Anyway, it's not so much the facilities of the school that count as the attitude of the student.

Q Will demonstrations encourage Negroes to work harder, become more self-reliant?

A No, I find that the Negro today does not have as much ambition as he had 25 years ago.

Q Why is that?

A I think the trouble is that no one tells the Negro that he's responsible for himself—being unemployed. When I was a boy nobody helped us. You had to help yourself, and you had to learn to "do." You had to have the know-how plus the do-how.

My mother died when I was 17 years old. She left six besides myself. The relief people came and offered us some relief, but we did not accept it, because it was something of a shame for people to receive relief in those days. We were embarrassed just because the relief woman came to talk to us. We did not want the neighbors to know we couldn't make it for ourselves. So we youngsters made it for ourselves.

Q What kind of work did you do?

A I sold from door to door. I started selling from door to door when I was 9 years old, and have been selling ever since.

Q Do you feel that some races have more of an aptitude for business than others or more of an ability to sell?

A No, it's all in the desire. Any time that you can create a desire in the Negro to sell, he's just as good a salesman as anybody else.

Q Do you have Negro salesmen serving white customers?

A Yes, in some places we do.

WHY OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT—

Q Are you generally optimistic on the future of the Negro race in this country?

A Oh, yes.

Q Is America, do you think, a good place for Negroes?

A America is the best place for the Negro in the world. America is the best place for any man in the world.

Q Is the Negro basically unhappy, do you think?

A I think the Negro is very unhappy, but it's not from segregation. He's unhappy because he is unemployed.

Some of the leaders will tell him he's unemployed because he's a Negro, and that segregation is the cause of his being unemployed. But that is not true. We have unemployment in America, and the Negro is the last hired and the first fired because he doesn't do any of the hiring or the firing.

Q What is the answer, then, to the Negro's future?

A Work. And not only that: He must work and he must save his money and he must pool his money. If he wants integration, he must hire white people just as he wants white people to hire him.

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RICHARD B. RUSSELL
GEORGIA

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Mr. Jack J. Rushin
377 Techwood Drive, N. W.
Atlanta 13, Georgia

Dear Friend:

Permit me to acknowledge and thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to the Secretary of State.

I deplore violence under any circumstances and especially so when it is related to the racial situation. One of the inescapable lessons of history shows that it is much easier to generate mob action than it is to control it.

Those in high office have no idea of the untold damage they are doing to our constitutional system by approving these demonstrations. I have attacked this attitude time and again, but unfortunately, the rest of the country has chosen to make the South the whipping boy in all racial matters and through the use of all of the communications media (including bad abuse of the television) have generated feeling against the South amounting almost to a national disease. Unfortunately, the "chickens will come home to roost" with them, for attack on orderly government can only result in anarchy.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

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August 27, 1965

Honorable Jack J. Rushin
377 Techwood Drive, N. W.
Atlanta 13, Georgia

Dear friend Rushin:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of August 17 to Secretary Rusk which I read with a great deal of interest.

I share your concern over the wave of lawless racial agitation currently sweeping the country. As I have stated many times, I am unalterably opposed to mob action and lawlessness of any kind, whatever form it may take. Unfortunately, what we are witnessing can be expected inasmuch as the federal government, notably the Supreme Court and the Executive branch, has in effect given the agitators carte blanche authority to flout the law and incite violence and riots. Unless this is checked and the present situation corrected, it can lead only to civil strife in its most violent of manifestations.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing herewith two speeches concerning the rioting in Los Angeles and Americus which I have recently given in the Senate.

Please let me know whenever I can serve you in any way.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Herman E. Talmadge

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RACIAL DISORDER AND MOB ACTION IN AMERICUS, GA.

Mr. TALMADGE. Mr. President, the southwest Georgia city of Americus has become another in a long and unhappy line of American communities to be set upon by racial agitation and violent disorder.

The tragic victim of militant and arrogant advocates of a philosophy that threatens to destroy the American ideal that ours is a Nation of laws and not of men, upon which is based the freedom of all Americans regardless of race, creed, or color, Americus, Ga. has been made the scene of racial disorder and mob action. Already there has occurred a brutal and senseless killing of a young U.S. Marine ensign who was shot down in cold blood while standing on a street corner. Two Negroes have been charged with his murder.

We pray that violence will end in this strife-torn city, that peace and order will be returned, and that whatever differences exist between citizens will be resolved in accordance with the processes of civilized law, and not according to the law of the jungle. We pray that there will be no more deaths, and that the good citizens of Americus, of both races, will look to their minds and their hearts and their consciences for a solution to problems of human relations, and that those who are bent upon pitting neighbor against neighbor, who make a profession out of inciting riots and dissension, will cease and desist.

According to newspaper accounts, the difficulties in Americus arose over voter registration procedures. I have stated before, and I repeat here today that I favor the full and unhindered right to vote of every qualified American citizen, and wherever this right is being denied there should be corrective action. The right to vote is guaranteed by the Constitution and well-protected by statutory law, including the so-called Voting Rights Act which now lies on the President's desk, which is enforceable in every court in the land, both State and Federal.

I can find no justification for the wave of rioting which has swept the country over alleged deprivation of constitutional

rights, not so long as the American system survives and there are amicable remedies at law. There can be no justification for taking the law into one's own hands. This can only result in anarchy and destroy the freedom of all.

Mr. President, there appeared in the August 2 edition of the Columbus, Ga., Enquirer an excellent editorial concerning Americus and the increasing threat to law and order in the United States.

I commend this editorial to the attention of the Senate, and ask unanimous consent that it be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

The Disunion-Mobster.

"If we can't build Americus, we should tear it down."

Speaking was a member of the Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

He was preaching violence in a town which has already known violence and tragedy. He was stoking the flames of a hot furnace. He was admitting that the ultimate goal of SNCC and other groups of that variety is not equality, but chaos.

In Mississippi, a pamphlet distributed by a related group was urging Negroes to refuse serving in the Armed Forces. "No one has a right to ask us to risk our lives and kill other colored people in Santo Domingo and Vietnam so that the white American can get richer," the pamphlet said. "We will be looked upon as traitors by all the colored people of the world if the Negro people continue to fight and die without a cause.

"And if they answer democracy (in the cause), tell him the truth. We don't know anything about communism, socialism and all that, but we do know that Negroes have caught hell right here under this American democracy."

And under this American democracy, the writer of that pamphlet, and the spewers of dissension and hate and violence can continue to run free and practice their treason.

Yes, treason, for there is no milder word to describe the direction which part of the civil rights movement is now taking. Under communism, they would be hauled away and shot, but democracy's saving feature is a tolerance of nearly any internal tactic designed to tear down the dominant authority.

But there is a limit, even in a democracy. And that limit is close at hand for the more radical civil rights groups who, perceiving that their legitimate demands are practically achieved, are blowing the uglier and more

frightening side of their nature. The mask of the fighter for rights has been removed to reveal the destroyer of law and order.

The Mississippi pamphlet quite obviously sought to depict the fight for equality as a fight between the white and colored peoples of the world, not an argument between Americans of varying color. There is a vast and important difference in the two approaches.

The Red Chinese have sought to depict the world struggle as one between the light and colored races. Most American Negroes have rejected that theory and placed their faith in achieving full status as U.S. citizens, so they can continue to share in the bounty and adventures of the greatest nation of the earth, and the nation which gave them birth.

But the American dream—the American Negro's dream—can be shattered by the excesses of one side just as surely as by the excesses of the other side.

The disunion-mongers are taking freedom's name in vain. They shout a proud word while exercising the harshest tyranny the globe has known.

Whatever the American white man's sins against the American Negro, he has produced for the Negro a hountiful and proud nation, and the Negro should not forget that.

As the average demonstrator wheels his late-model car into the driveway of a 6-room house with no holes in the roof, and goes into a home-cooked meal and watches television while having a late snack, and his children finish their school lessons, he should think long and hard about what freedom is, before he shouts that he hasn't got it.

Slogans come easy, but the reality of freedom rests on more than slogans, and freedom's fruits are not harvested by all who march in its behalf. Many are willing to march and shout but are not prepared to pay the true and enduring price for freedom, which is in fact, in many ways, through years of diligent effort, not in a few demonstrations.

The American Negro is way ahead of the great majority of the people in the world, white or colored, simply because he lives in this land of opportunity—and freedom.

And it's about time someone in high authority told him so, instead of hunching with guilt every time a minor shortcoming is cited.

Somebody like President Lyndon B. Johnson, for instance.



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RACIAL RIOTING IN LOS ANGELES

Mr. TALMADGE. Mr. President, the entire Nation is shocked and horrified by the racial rioting in the city of Los Angeles. In the wake of this holocaust, in which more than 30 lives have been lost and which still rages in some parts of the Los Angeles area, various and sundry so-called explanations and excuses have been offered by experts in the fields of law enforcement, sociology, psychology, psychiatry, urban affairs, and economics.

Regardless of how learned the expert or how scholarly the presentation, I, for one, cannot comprehend how poverty, squalid conditions, unemployment, cultural or economic need, or alleged discrimination—as deplorable as they are—can be justification for lawlessness and rioting. I, for one, Mr. President, have yet to be given an acceptable excuse for taking the law into one's own hands. In our country under the American system of government, there is no such excuse.

However, I believe the Washington Evening Star in an editorial last Saturday came close to the heart of the matter. The Star in my opinion put its finger on a dangerous trend in America at the present time which we have seen manifested in Los Angeles, Springfield, Mass., Chicago, Ill., New York City, Selma, Ala., Americus, Ga., and indeed throughout all parts of the United States.

The Star, calling attention to a growing contempt for law and the rights of law-abiding people, asked this very pertinent question:

What is the effect on respect for law when prominent members of the clergy announce they will not obey a law if they disagree with

it? What is the effect when the Supreme Court, as well as lower Federal courts, overturn convictions for law violations on the flimsiest of bases, or, as in one instance, for one stated reason?

Does this sort of thing encourage the hoodlum type to think that respect for law is for the birds? We think so.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that this editorial be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the editorial was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

LOS ANGELES RIOTS

The most heinous aspect of the savage rioting and looting which has swept Los Angeles is the utter senselessness of the thing.

It started Wednesday evening when a white policeman tried to arrest a Negro motorist on suspicion of drunken driving. And it really took off from there.

At least 16 people are dead, including a deputy sheriff and a woman caught by a falling wall. Property losses will run high into the millions. The Negro rioters would set fire to buildings, and then stone and shoot at firemen responding to the calls. Also stoned were ambulances trying to aid the injured. Police cars were special targets, many being wrecked or burned. Finally, when the police conceded they could not control the mobs, National Guard men were called in last night and for the moment at least an uneasy peace prevailed.

To try to put this thing into some kind of perspective, Los Angeles has a Negro population of about 250,000, or roughly 12 percent of the total. The largest number of rioters at any one time is not believed to have exceeded 7,000. Thus, the hoodlums have constituted a relatively small minority. And there is probably much truth in the comment of a housewife who said: "It's the rowdy teenagers all gassed up on airplane glue and gin who provoke the trouble." The

news photos indicate this is true. So does a report in the New York Times which stated that the Watts area of Los Angeles, where the trouble started, is not at all typical of the Negro city ghetto. There are some pockets of extreme night club catering to the debauch, most of the Negroes "live in neighborhoods that would represent a dream of suburban life to even a Negro."

So one must look behind the conventional excuses offered when something of this sort happens. What are the real reasons which touched off what a Los Angeles Negro editorial called an "inexorable outbreak?"

One certainly has hatred of all people, white or black, but especially white. Another is total contempt for law and the rights of law-abiding people. This contempt is peculiar to Los Angeles. It crops out in many places, although generally in less severe form.

In short, the rule of law, to which so much lipservice is paid, seems to be breaking down in Los Angeles and throughout the Nation. This is something which might properly concern the President's new Commission on Crime. What are the real reasons? Blame? Discrimination? Underprivileged? These questions are part of the story. We must, however, not forget the Commission's other responsibility. What is the effect on respect for law when prominent members of the clergy announce they will not obey a law if they disagree with it? What is the effect when the Supreme Court, as well as lower Federal courts, overturn convictions for law violations on the flimsiest of bases, or, as in one instance, for no stated reason? Does this sort of thing encourage the hoodlum type to think that respect for law is for the birds? We think so.

At any rate, it has become clear in Los Angeles that the rioters will give way to nothing except superior force. And in that event the superior force must be applied—followed, one may hope, by severe punishment of those who may be found guilty of criminal activity.

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The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

While in Philadelphia yesterday, I noticed the enclosed editorial in the Evening Bulletin and thought you would be interested in seeing it.

It is gratifying to me that responsible people in other parts of the country are aware that there is not only image, but real substance in the way we are handling our problems.

I congratulate you on the outstanding work you have done since becoming Mayor. I, like all citizens of Atlanta, appreciate the sound, courageous and farsighted leadership you have given us and from the enclosed editorial, your reputation is obviously nationwide.

Yours very truly,



Robert M. Holder, Jr.

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Enclosure

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September 16, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
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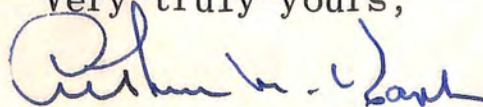
Dear Mayor Allen:

It is indeed unfortunate that the only measure of exemplifying appreciation to a person in your capacity is at the voting polls. If ever an individual deserved national recognition for gallantry and actions far beyond the call of duty, in my opinion, you would be entitled to this recognition.

Having maintained a First Aid Station in the riot areas both on Capitol Avenue and Boulevard, I saw first handed the raw courage and absolute determination and intestinal fortitude that you possess. There is little doubt in my mind that your actions avoided a great conflict, and the people of this community as well as those of our neighboring areas should be grateful to you. I am privileged and honored to be able to state that you are "our Mayor".

With kindest personal regards.

Very truly yours,



Arthur M. Kaplan

AMK:bp

2746 Dale Creek Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30318
September 16, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen Jr.
Mayor of The City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor:

My wife and I wish to join with other responsible Negro citizens in expressing our deep concern for the future, peaceful progress of the community.

I wish to express disapproval of unwarranted killings, rioting and the destruction of property which gives our city a bad name. Accept my congratulations for the courage and fairness you have shown in this crises.

You probably will remember me, as one of the delegation in your office some months ago, with Dr. J. H. Jackson, of Chicago, and Dr. L. M. Terrill.

You may be assured of our continued support in your effort to secure for all people, better conditions for wholesome living, and to create respect for law and order.

LDK:bk

Very truly yours,



L. D. KEITH, Sr.

September 16, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
68 Mitchell St., S. W.
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

My dear Mayor Allen:

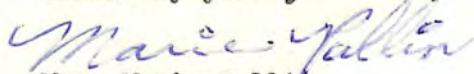
It is indeed regrettable that we as citizens of Atlanta had to witness the deplorable incident that took place on Capitol Ave. recently and more similar incidents since. We do realize that all over the world there is discord and seemingly hatred everywhere we turn. Yet there are many of us who believe firmly that we can unite together with brotherly love and erase this hatred from the face of the earth.

As Christians we recommend an easy and simple method. If we would come together just now on that one accord and plant that tiny seed of love in our hearts and minds, spreading it to the four corners of the earth in prayer and faith, believing that the Lord God, himself would be with us at his appointment and settle these world affairs and differences. As we think on this, let's remember these words of our Lord and Savior "Love yea one another as I have also loved you." If all people of this world would turn to God on this day, we would doubt such an incident would happen again in Atlanta, Ga. or any other city.

Mayor Allen I have a patriot-love song that I feel would be very fitting for times like these. If these words were to reach out to the people, I would like to be convinced that there would be a change in man's heart and show more concern for brotherly-love for one another as 'patriotic Americans' should.

I am sending you enclosed to keep a copy of such a love song which I have composed myself. I do hope you will enjoy the music of "Let's Turn To God America."

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Marie Pullin
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September 8, 1966.

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Thank you so much for your display of courage in
our recent unfortunate racial incident.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Charles G. Bethea, C.L.U.
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ATLANTA, GA.

Dear Frank,

I just want to
congratulate you on your handling
the Filmen's situation and the
recent riot upheaval - Everyone
I hear mention these two things
are behind you 100%

Sincerely,

Charlie Brumby Jr.



State Water Quality Control Board

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September 8, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor
City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

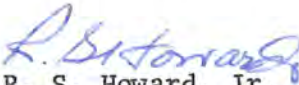
Dear Mayor Allen:

Please accept my congratulations and deep appreciation for your courageous conduct and intelligent actions in confronting and quelling the disturbances of last Tuesday evening.

All Georgians should be tremendously proud of the manner in which you met a very dangerous situation and the honor you have reflected on your City and our State.

All good wishes,

Sincerely yours,


R. S. Howard, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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