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TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR ALLEN  
c/o CITY HALL

DEAR SIR:

I FEEL THIS LETTER WILL SAY WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID IN THAT YOU WILL UNDERSTAND YOURS TRULY & HOW I LOVE ATLANTA, GA. IT SEEMS YOU HAVE BEEN MISHEARD AS TO HOW I, AS A PERSON, FEEL, THINK & WHAT I WANT FOR OUR FAIR CITY.

I HAVE TAKEN THE TIME & WITH GOD'S BLESSING, BEEN ABLE TO REACH THE YOUNG FELLAS ON STREETS & HAVING BEEN ABLE TO GET THEM TO TALK TO ME JUST HOW THEY REALLY FEEL I HAVE IN THE SAME MANNER GAVE THAT INFORMATION TO YOUR MR. JACK DELIUS (BY MEETING ON WED, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>) & BY TELEPHONE. I DID NOT USE THE WORDS & THE MANNERS THAT A PHOEN MEETING SHOULD HAVE, FOR THE FEELING OF THE PEOPLE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN AS THEY FELT & WHAT THEY WANTED YOU TO KNOW.

I DO NOT WANT OUR HEADLINES EVEN AGAIN TO READ THAT THE CITY OF ATLANTA IS AS HAS A ROIT. THAT IS THE REASON I HAVE WENT TO THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO MAY BE THE ONES WHO WOULD BE IN A ROIT. IT IS NOT EASY TO WORK WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOTHING & FLY OFF THE HANDLE AT THE SOUND OF A WORD BUT I AM DOING THIS BECAUSE IF I CAN IN MY SMALL WAY KEEP ANYONE FROM GIVING ATLANTA THIS KIND OF TROUBLE I AM MORE THEN WILLING TO WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THIS CITY.

I FELT BY GETTING THE TRUE FEELING OF THESE POOR PEOPLE AND GETTING A CHANCE TO GET THIS REAL NEWS TO YOU & YOUR

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STAFF IT WOULD GIVE YOU GENTLEMEN A BETTER INSIGHT OF  
MATTER AT HAND. FOR I AM SURE IF YOU KNOW THE REAL WANT  
OF THE PEOPLE IT WILL HELP YOU TO DO THE JOB YOU REALLY WANT  
TO DO. IF THE MAYORS OF THE ROIT-TOWN CITIES IN THE NORTH  
WORK AS HANDS AS YOU & YOUR STAFF DO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE  
HAD A ROIT ON THEIR HANDS.

A ROIT CAN ONLY DO THESE THINGS: GIVE THE CITY  
AN AWFUL IMAGE, HURT THE SHOW OF BUSINESS, ENDANGER LIVES,  
WREST & COST THE CITY MONEY THAT COULD IMPROVE IT INSTEAD  
OF GOING TO WASTE BECAUSE OF THE ROIT. A ROIT IS THE WORST  
FEELING & PHASE TO BE SHORT OF BEING IN A WAR. NO HUMAN  
WHO STOPS & THINKS WOULD EVER WANT TO BE IN, CAUSE, OR  
DO ANYTHING THAT WOULD MAKE ONE START.

AS ONE ATLANTIAN TO ANOTHER PLEASE FULLY  
UNDERSTAND THAT I HOPE & PRAY WE CAN KEEP ATLANTA FREE OF  
THIS AWFUL STATE, THE STATE OF BEING IN A ROIT.

IT IS GOING TO TAKE EVERY PERSON HERE TO WORK  
AT NOT LETTING ANY NUT COME INTO OUR CITY & CAUSE ANY KIND  
OF VIOLENCE OR WREST. I HAVE WRITTEN THIS LETTER IN MY OWN  
HANDS SO THERE BE NO MORE MISLEADING CONCERNING JUST HOW  
I FEEL & THINK. ATLANTA IS THE GREATEST CITY IN THE WORLD  
FOR MY PEOPLE & I HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO ME AS A PERSON.  
I WILL ALWAYS LOVE ATLANTA & DO ALL I CAN TO KEEP IT  
THE FINEST CITY IT IS. MAY I THANK YOU FOR READING THIS  
HUMBLE LETTER FROM A HUMBLE ATLANTIAN. WITH kindest  
REGARDS I remain,

Yours truly,  
RAYMOND SNEED.