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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

This is not Thanksgiving, but thanks!

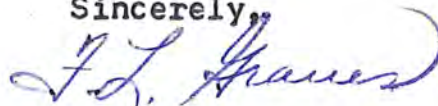
Thanks for going to Washington and telling the Senate Commerce Committee to pass the Public Accommodations Bill so the Federal government can control and operate our private businesses.

Thanks for making yourself clear: "We've got to go one of two ways -- we can't keep messing around." From this statement, I assume you think the Federal government isn't moving fast enough toward Socialism.

Mayor Allen, you did solidify the votes of the 200,000 people you represented in Washington, but you should realize from the last Mayor's election that you are assured of this support anyway.

But thanks for not representing most of the white people in Atlanta, especially me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F. L. Graves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

F. L. Graves