

August 27, 1963

Dr. J. McDowell Richards,  
President  
Columbia Theological Seminary  
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mac:

Your note of the 30th. concerning my  
testimony in Washington was gratefully received.

Please consider that your note and  
encouragement helped me through a very difficult  
period.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo

August 27, 1963

Mr. Henry L. de Give  
Healey Building  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Henry:

May I express my appreciation for your note of July 31, regarding my testimony in Washington.

Your commendation certainly makes a difficult task easier, and I am most grateful for your support. With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

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HENRY L. DE GIVE

COUNSELLOR AT LAW  
HEALEY BUILDING  
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

July 31, 1963

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Dear Henry

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

Dear Ivan:

I would like to compliment you on your testimony on the Civil Rights Bill.

I feel it took a great deal of courage for you to present your views in this manner with which I heartily agree.

I am very proud of you and proud that Atlanta has such a Mayor.

Sincerely yours,

Henry

HLG:js



August 27, 1963

Mr. Clifford Oxford  
Johnson, Oxford & Taylor  
Atlanta Federal Savings Building  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Clifford:

Just a note to express my appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing me concerning the Public Accommodation Bill.

I greatly value your friendship and appreciate your constant aid. With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

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August 6, 1963

Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

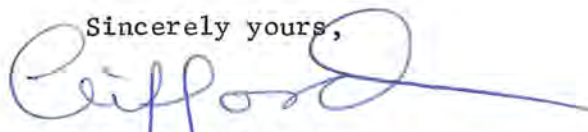
I want to commend you on your position relative to the  
"Public Accommodations Bill."

I feel that it is encumbered upon Congress to pass a law  
that would give direction to the various cities. This would  
certainly clarify the position of those cities so that they  
would know how to enforce the law or else there would be no  
law they could enforce.

It is a most controversial issue in Atlanta today, and  
it took a great deal of courage for you to speak out on it.  
I think that most of the antipathy for such a law comes from  
ignorance, but it is perfectly obvious that in a country where  
the people with whom we were engaged in war a few years ago  
are welcomed into a restaurant, and the citizens of this  
country who fought against them in behalf of America are  
refused can't be right and something has got to be done  
to rectify this great human error.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Clifford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Clifford Oxford

CO/bjm

August 27, 1963

Dr. F. Earl McLendon  
Medical Director  
The McLendon Hospital, Inc.  
1370 Sharon St., N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. McLendon:

Please excuse my delay in not expressing my appreciation earlier for your kind note of August 1.

I am most grateful for your writing and for your very fine commendation. With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo





August 27, 1963

Mrs. G. Ray Mitchell  
Atlanta Board of Education  
224 Central Ave., S. W.  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sara:

It is a little late, but again I want to thank you for your nice note of August 1, and add that I miss not seeing you more often.

I am proud of the job you are doing on the Board of Education, and I am sure that you and I agree that getting things done is not always a pleasant task.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor

IAJr/eo

BOARD of EDUCATION

224 Central Avenue., S.W.



of the CITY of ATLANTA

Atlanta 3, Georgia

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August 1, 1963

Dear Ivan:

I read with much interest your recent statement before the Committee for Civil Rights. Although I have mixed feelings on the Public Accommodations section, I deeply admire and appreciate your willingness to express your own beliefs. Taking the long view I feel that you are right and I am sure that men with vision and courage like yourself are desperately needed in America today.

Since you first offered for election I have had a strong belief in your basic integrity and honesty, a feeling, too, that when the chips were down you would always do what was right and best. I was proud to be represented by you in Washington, and I am proud and grateful for what you are doing at home.

One of the disappointments I have had since being elected to the Board of Education is that our paths so seldom cross.

With love,

*Sara*

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August 27, 1963

The Reverend Joseph Johnson, Sr.  
Greater Mt. Calvary Baptist Church  
388 Glenn St., S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Reverend Johnson:

May I express my appreciation to you and your congregation for your wire concerning my testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee.

I am most grateful for your support, and hope that you will personally thank each member of the Calvary Baptist Church.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo



August 27, 1963

Mrs. Fred W. Patterson  
2959 Andrews Dr., N. W.  
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

Thank you very much for your kind note concerning my recent testimony in Washington.

The note from you and Mr. Patterson, coming at the time it did, was a great help during a very trying period. Your commendation is gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo

August 27, 1963

The Reverend Allison F. Williams  
Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Howell Mill and Moores Mill Road  
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Allison:

May I express my appreciation for your note and the clipping from the New York Times regarding my recent testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee.

I am most grateful for your expression of commendation and hope that I continue to merit your support.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo



Trinity Presbyterian Church  
Howell Mill and Moores Mill Road  
Atlanta 5, Georgia

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July 30, 1968

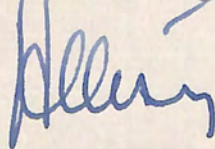
Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

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Allison

Dear Ivan:

The enclosed editorial from the New York Times expresses for many of us a quiet sense of gratitude for your positive voice in an extremely complex issue. I read with much interest and endorsement the excerpts of your presentation to the committee in Washington. Just wanted you to know of my sympathetic feeling toward what you are seeking to represent in the leadership of our community.

Warmest regards,



AFW/bt



EMORY UNIVERSITY  
ATLANTA 22, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

July 29, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I have just read the report of your appearance before the committee in Washington yesterday. I am heartened by your courageous and enlightened stand. Your timely and forthright statements stand in happy contrast to the irresponsible and emotional tirades to which I listened recently when I attended the meeting sponsored by the Citizens Council at the Dinkler Hotel.

You have done our city, our region and our nation a great service by publicly supporting the pending Civil Rights legislation.

Sincerely yours,

*Bell I. Wiley*  
Bell I. Wiley

W/h



Bekenu, Miri, Sarawak  
August 10, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

Sitting on the floor of the communal porch of a native Day longhouse in the jungle of Sarawak I have just been reading my latest arrival of mail. This includes the August 1<sup>st</sup> edition of the "Manchester Guardian Weekly" with an article which quotes your statement to the Senate Commerce Committee hearings on Civil Rights.

I feel proud to know that some of our responsible American leaders such as yourself are willing to speak out so forthrightly on as difficult a situation as Civil Rights. Knowing little of your situation except that you are Mayor of Atlanta I expect it takes considerable courage to speak as you do and I want you to know that you have my personal appreciation and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Andy E. Powers  
U. S. PEACE CORPS Volunteer



# First Methodist Church

1630 HINMAN AVENUE  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

August 27, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Though we now find ourselves living on the North Shore of Lake Michigan, we keep in close contact with Atlanta through the daily Atlanta Constitution. Also, we have been privileged to have two months this summer at our mountain cabin near Dahlonega, Georgia; so we have met and talked with many of our friends in and around Atlanta.

I want you to know again how grateful I am for the leadership you are giving in Atlanta and so many areas. I understand that through your recent testimony on the Kennedy Civil Rights legislation there is extra turbulence in your life. Let me say, however, that the whole nation is grateful - and more of the South than you may realize - for your forthright honesty.

Don't let the difficulty of witness ever cause your spirits to flag! Being right is the only reward we ought to desire. I am sure this is satisfaction enough for you.

Sincerely,



Dow Kirkpatrick

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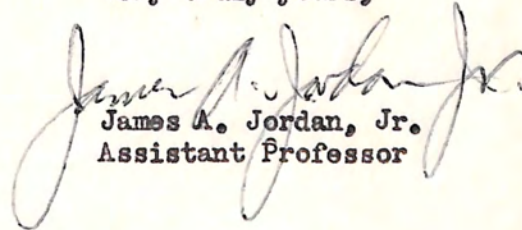
August 2, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I deeply appreciate the courage you recently displayed in your testimony for civil rights legislation. Your testimony was intelligent, sensitive, and courageous. You have earned my support for as long as you care to run for public office.

Very truly yours,



James A. Jordan, Jr.  
Assistant Professor



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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
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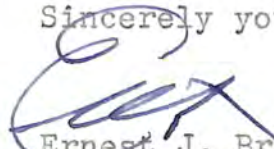
Dear Mr. Mayor:

You are certainly to be congratulated and commended for your statement before the Committee on Commerce, having reference to Senate bill 1732.

It was a masterful presentation and took a great deal of courage (but you are not lacking in this). For many years I have had a very high regard for you as a leader in business and civic affairs and that regard has increased for you as Mayor of this City as you evidence outstanding qualities of leadership and real courage.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,



Ernest J. Brewer  
Purchasing Agent

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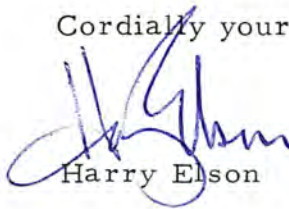
P. O. BOX 355  
3875 GREEN INDUSTRIAL WAY  
CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA

Dear Mayor Allen:

We are most proud of your testimony before  
the Senate Committee recently in Washington.

I do not agree with all your thinking but I am  
pleased to know that Atlanta has a man of  
courage and sincerity as its Mayor.

Cordially yours,



Harry Elson

HE:ee

Mayor Ivan B. Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

July 30, 1963

THE FULTON  
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MAIN OFFICE AT HENRY GRADY SQUARE  
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JACK BALSER  
ASSISTANT CASHIER

July 30, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I know that you will get plenty of correspondence condemning your testimony in behalf of President Kennedy's Civil Rights Bill.

While I do not necessarily agree with your position on the Public Accommodations Section of the Bill, I want to tell you that at least one of the citizens of your community admires your forthrightness and courage.

I think Atlanta is very fortunate to be represented by a person of your caliber.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jack Balser'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Balser

JB/vlb



August 27, 1963

Mr. Richard Lewisohn  
663 Fifth Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Richard:

Thanks for your nice letter of the 31st, and I hope you will excuse my slight delay in answering it. I had seen the editorial in the New York Times, and I think it is excellent and very complimentary. Best of luck to you on the next time around.

Although my position has received very favorable national commendation, it has not been very comfortable here in Atlanta. In general, our business friends have really been upset, and I have had to bear constant criticism. I felt that I was right, and I have not changed any of my opinions.

We leave next week for Nairobi where Louise will join us for a 4-week Safari. The "we" is Inman and myself. This is my first time away from the office since I have been here, and I am looking forward to it greatly.

Let me know what your plans are this Fall, and if you have any free time to come down in November or December, we will spend a full week at the Farm, which now has the added attraction of going fishing as well as good hunting. It is not the same type of fishing that you and I have enjoyed at Homosassa, but it is still good. With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo

RICHARD LEWISOHN  
663 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK 22, N. Y.

July 31, 1963

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
29 Pryor St., N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I have been following with great interest your recent involvements with the United States Senate, and I want to commend you for a performance which, as far as I can tell, has been without criticism. This is certainly true up in these parts of the country.

I have no doubt that you saw the editorial in the NEW YORK TIMES, which makes us even. Just in case you will want to be amused, I am enclosing a copy of what they said about me sometime back. As you probably know, I withdrew for various reasons, which I would love to explain to you when I see you.

When are we going to be able to take a little time off together? I am ready! Best to the family.

Sincerely,



Richard Lewisohn

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## Cousin Richard Wins

Richard S. Aldrich is winner of the New York County Republican organization's designation to be Councilman at Large from Manhattan despite the handicap that he has lived out of this country during most of the last decade. Thus his opportunity has presumably been curtailed for close acquaintance with party workers on the precinct level and for intimate knowledge of the problems of city government.

He has surmounted these obstacles. A character reference offered a few days ago may have been helpful. "He is my cousin and I think very highly of him," said Governor Rockefeller. The Governor was careful to point out that he was "not promoting Mr. Aldrich's candidacy." But something turned the tide.

Governor Rockefeller's interest in Republican candidates for New York City office has lacked constancy. If he has any candidates in the other four counties for Councilman at Large, he has kept it a dark secret from the public.

Disappointed in his expectation that Manhattan Republicans would have a "free and open" unbossed convention, Mr. Aldrich's nearest rival, Richard Lewisohn, threatens a primary contest. He is "strongly favored" by Representative John V. Lindsay. Some would see in such a primary race a kind of popularity test between Rockefeller and Lindsay. Mr. Lewisohn, a business man, has been trying to overcome the disadvantage of being a non-cousin of the Governor by attending City Council meetings, working in civic agencies and otherwise preparing to be a councilman. The Republican county committee apparently took a dim view of this naive, businesslike approach to public office.

**LEWISOHN**  
for  
**COUNCILMAN**



August 27, 1963

Mr. Paul E. Burbank  
RFD - 2  
Brunswick, Maine

Dear Paul:

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

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

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

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



Mr. Paul E. Burbank  
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August 27, 1963

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

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

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

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo



# TW<sup>O</sup> FATH<sup>OM</sup>M

RFD - 2 BRUNSWICK, MAINE FARM  
July 27, 1963

Honorable Ivan Allen, Junior,  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan,

Although it is a long long while since our paths have crossed, which I regret, I can not forego writing to you tonight from this old seacoast village of Maine.

You undoubtedly know that your appearance and testimony of this week have had far reaching results, but it was such a thrill to see the whole thing on TV in such a tiny village as is ours. What a magnificent manner you handled a terribly important and a touchy problem. Ruth and I watched on TV and then today's Portland paper carried the enclosed. I just thought you might like to know how very far 'north' you got. And additionally I thought you might like to know that old friends still keep track of your progress.

Both of us send our very best wishes to you and to Louise. We often think of you and very frequently use our lovely plates which you gave us and which always bring memories of our days together in industry.

Pomy and Camille were here for ten days in June and we drove to Holyoke for a reunion with Buckwalter. It was like the old Planning Committee days all over again. Were I still in the Association I know my number one project would be to find how a dealer can operate on 25% gross - until he can solve it only a few are going to make money. Quite a

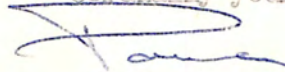


problem. And my second mission would be to develop the field of 'unsophisticated' automation. And it can be done.

One thing I must tell you - Ruth after watching your TV appearance said with utter seriousness that she hoped she could vote for 'Ivan' for President in 1968. You can count on it. A vote for a good Democrat is not easily come by in a Maine fishing hamlet!!

Our best to you in every way.

Cordially yours,



Paul E. Burbank

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July 31, 1963

Dear Ivan:

I simply cannot let the occasion grow stale without telling you how deeply proud I was of your brilliant performance before the Congressional Committee last week. As a former resident of Atlanta I have been congratulated by many people on the performance of Atlanta's Mayor. Really, yours was an act of real statesmanship and farsighted courage. I make this prediction: that there will be many major businesses attracted to Atlanta simply on the basis of the kind of Mayor who presides over its affairs.

My best personal regards to you and Louise.

With deep respect, I am

As ever,



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



August 27, 1963

Mr. Paul T. Stafford  
Paul Stafford Associates  
155 East 50th. Street  
New York 22, New York

Dear Paul:

Your nice note of the 30th. is received  
with appreciation and interest.

It is always good to hear from you, and I  
hope that our paths will cross again real soon.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

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July 30, 1963

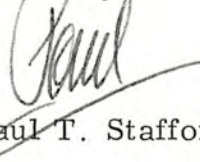
Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr.  
The Ivan Allen Company  
29 Pryor Street N. E.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I read with great interest your forthright and courageous statement last week before the Senate Commerce Committee. Congratulations.

With best regards,

Sincerely,



Paul T. Stafford

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Madrid 13, España,  
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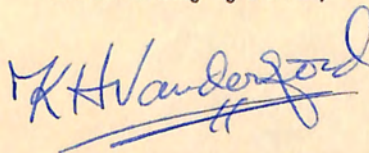
Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mayor Allen:

I have noted with much interest your testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee, in which you urged Congress to enact a bill to ban discrimination in public accommodations.

As an Indiana-born white U. S. citizen, I heartily congratulate you on your farsighted and civilized approach to our serious problem of racial discrimination.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K H Vanderford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Kenneth H. Vanderford

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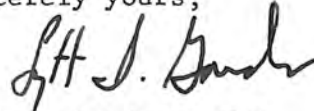
Mr. Ivan Allen, Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I just wanted to express to you my deep admiration for the statement which you made before the Senate Commerce Committee on July 26, 1963. In the midst of all the turmoil and desolation of the present civil rights struggle, your expression of conscience stands out like a beacon in the night. I know whereof I speak. I was born, raised and educated in North Carolina and my grandfather was a first lieutenant in the 38th Virginia Infantry.

Georgia can be proud of you.

Sincerely yours,



Lytt I. Gardner, M.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics

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August 27, 1963

Mr. Morris B. Abram  
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison  
575 Madison Avenue  
New York 22, New York

Dear Morris:

Thanks for your note of the 31st about the Washington appearance. I needed all the support that could be mustered because things here in Atlanta were not so pleasant.

Please give my love to Jane, and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

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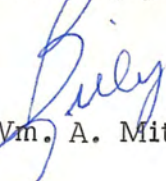
Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a recent article that appeared in the Atlanta Constitution. I want to personally congratulate you for the courage you had in your statement made to the Senate Commerce Committee.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Wm. A. Mitchell

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enc.



*Save  
with  
Security*



August 1, 1963  
165 Central Av., SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

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

Dear sir:

I wish to express praise of you for your courageous stand on the public accommodations section of the proposed Civil Rights legislation.

Sincerely yours,

*Dorothy McKorkle*

Dorothy McKorkle  
Field Instructor  
Florida State University

1715 B Hummingbird Rd. N.E.  
Atlanta 7, Georgia  
July 31, 1963

Dear Major Allen,

The people of Atlanta, the South, and the Nation owe you their gratitude for your candid position in favor of the public accommodations measure. I want to congratulate you for the courage and integrity with which you testified before the committee.

If there was any doubt in the minds of our countrymen when Atlanta and its city government stands in the current struggle against segregation, it has been largely dispelled by your appearance. Atlanta shall continue to move toward equal rights and opportunities for all men regardless of their race, color, or religion. The overwhelming majority of the citizens of Atlanta will support the fine leadership and sense of fair play which you have demonstrated.

Sincerely,  
Jay Cohen (R.D.)



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EXECUTIVE OFFICES

July 31, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor's Office  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I am impelled to write you to express my admiration for your courageous and intelligent statement before the Senate Committee.

I am a San Francisco business man, an officer of Levi Strauss & Company which has recently built a branch garment factory in Blue Ridge, Georgia. On a recent visit to the plant, my wife and I went on to see your beautiful city. We were struck not only by the physical aspects of Atlanta, but by the very understanding attitude of some of your good citizens.

Our Nation's problems would be on the way to quick solution if there were more superb citizens and officials such as you.

Sincerely yours,

*Daniel E. Koshland*

Daniel E. Koshland

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JOHN GLUSTROM  
PRESIDENT

July 31, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

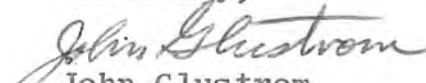
It was with a great deal of pleasure that I read the news accounts of your recent testimony at the civil rights bill hearing.

Your ideas were highly impressive, attuned to the times and changing world conditions and delivered in accordance with the Atlanta image we know our city has throughout this country.

Although the Chamber of Commerce has spoken against the measure, I am one of the many Chamber members and native Atlantans who disagree with the Chamber opinion.

Your testimony required courage as well as conviction. Please be assured of my full support and commendation, now and in the future on your remarks, and on all matters to make Atlanta a better city.

Sincerely,

  
John Glustrom

JG/pm





UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION

Panama, Florida

USS TWEEDY DE 532

Dear Mr Allen,

Many times I have said to friends and members of my family that, along with two or three naval officers I have served with, I have more respect and admiration for you than ~~any~~<sup>the</sup> other people I have ever known.

The other night I heard your testimony over the radio, and several officers said what a fine and courageous statement it was. This caused me to do some thinking —! Having lived in all parts of the world, and since my children have come to respect people for what they are regardless of race, color or creed, the race problem has not caused us great concern.

But people like us should find a place where we can help in this cause. We have failed to support people like you who have the courage, intelligence and ability.



The best answer, of course, is to find the place in our own community and make an effective effort. Those who have the feeling of love and respect for all men often say the words, "but do nothing about it." We talk about love and the Christian way of life, and we are spared the hardest experiences because there is no controversy in our immediate fellowship about the basic issues of social justice. If we are honest, we have never, perhaps, found ourselves confronted by an issue so lacking in ambiguity. Yet, we talk; but what do we do?

I want you to know that I think you are "doing things", and along with people all over the country I have great respect for you.

My prayer is that I will have the courage to do more for this cause. The situation changes so fast, with bewildering speed, and tactics lead us onto unfamiliar, and sometimes uncomfortable, ground. I thank you for your fine example.

Sincerely,  
Elliot Hellems



300 Trammell St.  
Calhoun, Ga.

August 4, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I wish to commend,  
congratulate, and thank you  
for your stand on President  
Kennedy's Civil Rights Bill.

I am proud that  
Atlanta has a mayor of your  
mold. We need ~~new~~ southern  
leadership, and I could wish  
they would all be progressives  
such as you are.

Very truly yours,

Lizzabel Layton

Retired teacher from the  
Atlanta School System.

NEAL PENICK  
3376 PEACHTREE ROAD, N. E.  
ATLANTA 5, GEORGIA

August 5, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

The stand you took in your testimony before the Senate Committee entitles you to the respect and admiration of all right-thinking and open-minded citizens in Atlanta and throughout the country. Not only did you take the right stand but your testimony was given with sincerity and showed that you had given a great deal of thought to this matter.

I am a Southern, white citizen with two college degrees. I am not a radical, but I do appreciate the leadership of people like you who have the courage to stand for what is morally right. For a century we have relegated our Negro citizens to a position of second-class or third-class citizens and there is no moral, religious or logical reason for doing so.

I am proud of the way that Atlanta has handled the racial problem so far, and certainly do admire you for your courage and integrity.

Sincerely,



NP:RB

Neal Penick



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425 SOUTH FIFTH STREET  
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

August 2, 1963

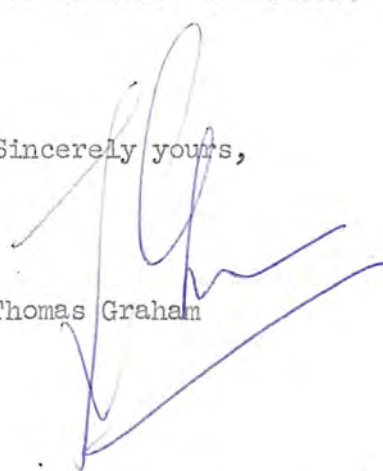
Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor:

Let me congratulate you on your  
testimony Before the Senate Commerce Committee.

Regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thomas Graham

TG/ak

*I had the pleasure of hearing you talk  
in Atlanta regarding  
TG*

Kenneth Cuthbertson

399 Stevick Drive, Atherton, California

August 5, 1963

The Honorable Mr. Ivan Allen Jr.  
Mayor of Atlanta

Dear Sir -

This is a fan letter and, I  
hope, one of many.

Thanks to the New York Times  
Western edition, our family  
has had our faith in the  
people of the South restored.

We knew Atlanta was a  
leader in the integration  
efforts and had cause to have  
faith in its future.

But your voice was the  
first to sound out with  
reason and good sense in



all the reports of heart break  
and success. Your courage  
to be named and quoted is  
infinite. It is never easy in  
public, and especially political,  
life to take the unpopular  
point of view. We've waited  
a long time to hear just one  
Southerner in your honorable  
position stand up and be counted.  
None of us can really know  
how hard is the South's problem  
and tough the struggle for solution.  
However, there must be many people  
like you and we have never felt so  
reassured of it before. Good luck  
and God bless you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kenneth Cuthbertson



August 5, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Please let us commend you on the  
courageous stand taken by you on  
your recent trip to Washington.

We are fully behind you in the  
opinions you have expressed in  
this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Mitchell



August 27, 1963

Mr. Harrison Jones  
1609-10 Candler Building  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Boss:

Your note of the 30th. concerning my  
testimony in Washington was gratefully received.

Please consider that your note and  
encouragement helped me through a very difficult  
period.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo



"SOLDIERS JOY"  
231 PEACHTREE BATTLE AVE., N.W.  
ATLANTA 5, GEORGIA

Their progress is amazing especially when you consider how many handicaps they had and how far back they started. When I was a small boy in Virginia in a country district, not a single Negro could read or write. And that was 25 years after General Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House. Two or three Years ago the Atlanta News Papers printed an account of a poor Georgia Family who thought they could do better moving out of the State and moved to Pennsylvania. Three of the Boys became doctors, One a lawyer and 1 an Engineer. One of the Doctor brothers had just been selected as the Outstanding Doctor of the year in his state. The point is that the five brothers were Negroes. We dont want any more Negro Families like that driven out of Georgia because they are denied their fair and legitimate opportunities in Georgia. They would be real assets to us in Georgia.

Finally in closing I want to insist that I am not a "damyankee" but a Southerner who loves the South and dont want the South to do any thing that Degrades the South. So if I appear to be bragging about my ancestors it is not from egotism but to set the record straight and establish the fact that I am a Southerner and Nothing but a Southerner. My ancestors on both sides of my Family have been Southerners and nothing but Southerners for nearly 300 years. My Mother and my father's mother likewise were Cabells. So I am doubly a Cabell. My people with their kinsmen have been Governors of Southern States including Virginia, Kentucky and Maryland to Alabama. My Great-grandfather's brother went from Virginia to Princeton and graduated in 1792. Instead of coming back to Virginia he came to Georgia. He was Congressman, U.S. Senator and Governor of Georgia. Governor Peter Early of Georgia. He died soon at 46. Otherwise he may have been better known nationally. Senator John Cabell Breckinridge of Kentucky was my mother's near relative. He was the Southern Democratic Candidate for President in 1860. The Northern Democrats split off and nominated Senator Douglas of Illinois and the Republicans, a minority party, won the election due to the split in the Democratic party.

My father fought as a confederate Soldier in the Battle of Gettysburg. His father was wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg. My Grandfather Early's brother the Confederate General J. Bal A. Early attacked with his Confederate Division through the town of Gettysburg the first day of the Battle. I had five Cabell Cousins killed in the one small Civil War Battle of New Market where the V.M.I. Cadet Battalion won the victory at heavy loss of life. So if I am not a ~~confederate~~ a Southerner and a Son of the Confederacy who is.

I hope that some of the information I have written to you may be of some small help to you in your battle for fairness, decency and justice. The survival of America is involved in your standing fast. Affection is good but respect is better. You deserve and have both from me.

Your sincere friend

*Clifford Cabell Early*



RABBI JACOB M. ROTHSCHILD, D.D.  
1589 PEACHTREE ROAD, N.W.  
ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

July 29, 1963

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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I offer my warmest and most sincere commendation and congratulations on the statement that you made before the Senate Commerce Sub-Committee last week. It was a courageous position to take, to be sure, but, to my mind, it was more than that. You expressed the thoughtful concern of the decent citizens of Atlanta for the inherent rights of all our citizens and for the need to assure the Negro community of its full rights as Americans and as Georgians.

I know that many Atlantans join with me in unequivocal support of your position. If there is anything that I can do to help maintain Atlanta's progress in the field of race relations, I hope that you will feel free to call upon me.

Janice joins me in warmest regards to you and Mrs. Allen.

As always, sincerely,

*Jack Rothschild*

JMR/eks



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JOSEPH ROSS, President

July 27th, 1963

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

(10)

Dear Ivan:

I read your statement before the Senate Commerce Committee in the New York Times this morning and I was thrilled and proud that I knew you. I feel it was one of the finest, most sincere, most courageous statements I have ever heard. Coming from the Mayor of Atlanta, it was particularly meaningful and significant.

Sue joins me in sending our best to Louise. We are about to leave on our vacation to Aspen, Colorado, but I could not leave without expressing the admiration and respect I always feel for the things that you do in public life.

Sincerely,

Joseph Ross

JR/gb

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August 27, 1963

Mr. Joseph Ross,  
President  
Davidson Bros., Inc.  
1200 E. McNichols Road  
Detroit 3, Michigah

Dear Joe:

It was most thoughtful for you to write  
such a nice note about my testimony in Washington.

I am sure you understand the many  
problems which have confronted Atlanta in recent  
months.

Louise joins me in sending our love to  
Sue and with highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo

August 27, 1963

Mr. John A. Wallace  
Hansell, Post, Brandon & Dorsey  
Sixth Floor  
First National Bank Building  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear John:

Many thanks for your kind note concerning my testimony in Washington. I certainly appreciate your expression.

With highest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo



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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA  
TELEPHONE 522-3558

July 29, 1963

(4)

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I hope all the mail you receive this week will be as congratulatory as this letter. I just wanted to write and let you know how honored I am to be a new resident of a city in which you are the Mayor.

Everyone I have talked to joins me in feeling that your testimony in Washington on Friday was not only courageous but was entirely correct under our present circumstances.

I am pleased to be able to announce that I am writing this in the capacity of a registered voter in Fulton County.

With all best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

  
John A. Wallace

JAW:ds

August 27, 1963

Mrs. Johnnie Yancey  
1740 Simpson Rd., N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Yancey:

May I thank you for your very kind wire concerning my appearance before the Senate Commerce Committee last month.

We received so much mail, both pro and con, that it was impossible to acknowledge all of it. However, I do want to express my personal appreciation to you for your kind wire.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo



August 27, 1963

The Reverend Samuel W. Williams  
Friendship Baptist Church  
Mitchell at Haynes St., S. W.  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Williams:

You were most kind to write me concerning my testimony in Washington. I want you to know that I am most grateful for your kind note.

With appreciation for your continued support, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo

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PASTOR

RESIDENCE: PLAZA 5-2352

CHURCH OFFICE: MURRAY 8-0206

July 29, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

It surely must have taken great moral courage for you to state so frankly and honestly, your support of President Kennedy's Civil Rights Bill before the Senate Commerce Committee.

Your integrity showed all the clearer, for I know that some leaders were doubtful of the wisdom of your stand. In the minds of some, your action meant political suicide; but no one as you must know, is wise enough to know that. I am persuaded that you were clear in the knowledge that the issue is not "political suicide" or "political survival," but rather what is morally and democratically right. You took your stand humbly, unequivocally and courageously.

I want simply to express my appreciation for your stand and to say that God never forsake those who "Do it unto the least of these my brethren, for you have done it unto Him."

Very sincerely yours,

  
Samuel W. Williams

SWW:pr



August 27, 1963

Dr. Rufus C. Harris  
Mercer University  
Macon, Georgia

Dear Dr. Harris:

Your note of July 29, in regards to my testimony in Washington is greatly appreciated.

It was not easy to go against considerable local feelings in Atlanta, but I could not ignore the circumstances involved in this case.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness and looking forward to seeing you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo

August 27, 1963

Mr. Philip Hammer, President  
Hammer and Company Associates  
1413 K Street, N. W.  
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Phil:

Thank you very much for your letter of August 23rd  
and for your very generous remarks about my testimony  
before the Senate Commerce Committee.

I am sorry also that I didn't see you while you were in  
Atlanta, but would like to very much on your next trip.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/br



*Hammer and Company Associates*

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PHILIP HAMMER  
PRESIDENT

August 23, 1963

1413 K STREET, N.W.  
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

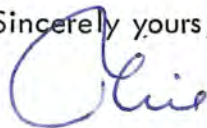
I had hoped to see you in Atlanta when I was there recently for Sandy's wedding, but we got swept up in what's loosely referred to as "pre-nuptial activities" and it was all we could do to follow the timetable.

I'm sorry I missed seeing and talking to you on the phone because I wanted to tell you in person what a really tremendous job you did in your Congressional testimony a short while back. It was a brilliantly realistic statement, and you handled yourself with great effectiveness. I know you have probably been in some crossfire as a result, but let me report that onewhole of a lot of people throughout the country admire what you said and were persuaded by it. I get around a great deal in my business and I have heard some very favorable comments.

Let me know if I can ever help in any way on any of your development projects. My Atlanta office is at your service if the occasion arises.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,



PH/ea

August 19, 1963

Mr. Clifford Hendrix  
67 Lake Place  
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Cliff:

It was certainly a pleasure to receive your letter of August 13, and I greatly appreciate your sending me the New York Times article.

I have many pleasant memories of my friendship with your father and your grandfather.

With grateful appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/eo





YALE UNIVERSITY

67 Lake Place  
New Haven, Conn.  
August 13, 1963

The Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.  
3700 Northside Drive, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

On July 27 last The New York Times featured the enclosed article dealing with your recent testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee. Although you probably have a number of copies, you will perhaps have some use for one more. I would like you to know that as a lifelong resident of Atlanta I am fully in accord with the sentiments you expressed before the Committee. Hopefully your testimony will encourage members of Georgia's Congressional delegation to support civil rights legislation when it is acted upon by Congress. It has certainly enhanced Atlanta's good reputation as a city striving to bring greater equality for all her citizens.

On this second point may I say that during the past three years, which I have spent in the Graduate School of Yale University, a number of persons from various parts of the country have indicated to me an awareness of Atlanta's leading role in solving justly the racial problems that trouble the whole country. Instances such as your testimony can only lend further credit to Atlanta's reputation.

I regret that having to spend the summer in New Haven will prevent my being present for the annual SAE rush party at your home.

Fraternally,

*Clifford Hendrix*

Clifford Hendrix  
Georgia Psi ('60)



# Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee

6 Raymond Street, N.W.  
Atlanta 14, Georgia

688-0331

Mayor Ivan Allen,  
City Hall,  
Atlanta, Georgia,

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I take this opportunity to say to you, that I feel that the stand you took on the President's public accommodations bill was indeed gratifying to me, to say the least. Therefore I commend you sir, on your stand, which I feel was right morally.

Sincerely yours,

Willie Paul Berrien, Jr.

Executive Committee,  
Student Nonviolent Coordinating  
Committee,



August 12, 1963

Mr. W. C. Henson  
Cartersville,  
Georgia

Dear Mr. Henson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 10th giving me the benefit of your views concerning our city and state.

I certainly appreciate your taking the time to write me and I am grateful for the kind things you had to say about my administration.

With appreciation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor

IAJr/br

W. C. HENSON  
CARTERSVILLE, GEORGIA

August 10, 1963

Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Your testimony before the Senate of the  
Civil Rights bill was very fine and you are to be  
highly commended, as well as for the many fine things you  
are doing for Atlanta and the State.

Several years ago I wrote:

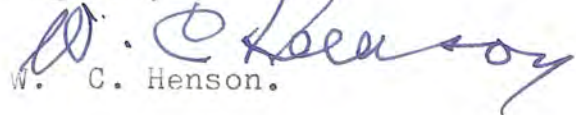
"Georgia is suffering from a political cancer  
of long standing, , down grade greatly accelerated  
during the 'Ole (Gene Talmadge ( and Herman's) ad-  
ministrations and it will take three major political  
operations to put it in a healthy condition namely, abol-  
ish the Fee system, abandon absolutely the County-Unit  
System, and reduce the number of counties to no more  
than fifty."

Two of these have come about and the other one  
is on the way, I hope.

I hope you and Governor Sanders succeed Dick Rus-  
sell and Herman Talmadge in the Senate, they are both  
living in the 19th century.

Overlook errors as I am half blind.

Regards,

  
W. C. Henson.

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U. D. C.

First came busses,  
Then came our schools,  
Next our restaurants, hotels  
And now our swimming pools.

Jack says make 'em equals,  
Bobby says to hire 'em.  
Ole! Ivan publicly placed himself  
Among those who desire 'em.

Oh! They will inviltrate our jobs  
And our homes - via T. V.  
But one place they can never intergrate,  
Is the good old U. D. C.

August 1, 1963

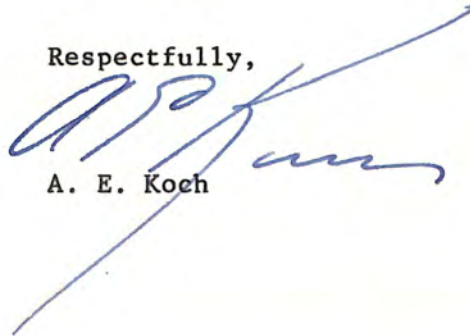
Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I would like to congratulate and thank you for the splendid stand you have taken in favor of the public accommodations section of the proposed civil rights legislation. Courage such as yours deserves to be perpetuated in office--I'm very sorry that I am not an Atlanta voter.

Thank you again, and keep up the good work.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. E. Koch', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

A. E. Koch

604 Glendale Avenue  
Decatur, Georgia



443 Ponce de Leon Ave. N.E.

Atlanta, Georgia

August 1, 1963.

The Hon. Ivan Allen Jr.  
Mayor's Office  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Sir:

It made me proud  
to be a citizen of Atlanta  
and to have you as our Mayor,  
because of the stand you took  
when you testified, last week,  
before a Senate's Congressional  
Committee in regard to  
our President's racial legislation.

On behalf of my family  
and myself, we want to take  
this opportunity to congratulate  
you on the gains Atlanta  
is making under your pro-  
gressive and constructive  
leadership.

Yours very truly  
(Miss) Ethel Clarke



Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Your Honor:

On behalf of a new generation of  
Atlantans (✓ some old ones too I might add)

I want to commend you upon both the  
content and scholarly presentation of your  
material before the Congressional Committee.

I admire your integrity and courage  
as apparently does the New York Times.

Sincerely yours,

Janet Rogan  
2554 Peachtree St. NW  
Atlanta, Georgia

1 August 1963

*Mrs. Harry Pfiffner*  
*71 Lakeland Drive, N. W.*  
*Atlanta 5, Georgia*

August 1st, 1963

The Honorable Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta  
Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen,

My husband and I want to commend you on your statement in Washington before the committee on the President's proposed Public Accommodations bill. It took courage for a mayor of a southern city to speak as you did--but Atlanta and you and all of us who live here grew with your statement. It isn't easy to know what is the right thing to do or when to do it. But now is the time when we need courageous leadership. Thank you for doing what you did.

Sincerely,

*Billie Pfiffner*

Mrs. H. A. Pfiffner



P.O. Box 7724  
Atlanta 23, Georgia  
August 1, 1963

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

My dear Mayor Allen:

I was quite pleased to read in the morning newspaper that the mail was running 2 to 1 in favor of your stand on the Administration's Civil Rights Bill. I would like to add another letter in support of your stand.

A native Georgian, I am white as are the four other men in my office. I can speak for all of them, as I do for myself, in our support of your position on the aforementioned bill. We are not for "socialism" anymore than is the membership of the Chamber of Commerce, and feel as strongly about the preservation of free enterprise as anyone, but but too many businessmen either lack the courage or the sense to exercise their full responsibility to the community. Thus we share your opinion that we need the law to ensure responsible action.

Many Atlantans have been very proud of their Chamber of Commerce and their newspapers in their handling of the racial situation. But this pride has been tarnished by their lack of support of the civil rights bill. It is their action that strongly points up your argument that we need the law to keep from backsliding.

Oh, what words of hate will that hypocrite from the Pickrick have for you this Saturday!

My salute to a true Christian and American with the courage of just convictions, a Mayor that Atlanta can be damn proud of.

Sincerely,  
*Baldwin B. Hansen*  
Baldwin B. Hansen



with the earnest compliments  
of a grateful admirer, ~~X~~<sup>X</sup> a  
citizen of the U.S.



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August 2, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

Permit me to express my appreciation to you for the courage you exhibited in presenting your views in Washington recently.

While I am not in complete agreement on all the implications of your support of the Public Accommodations Feature of the Civil Rights Proposals, I honor you for your appearance and testimony before the committee.

Furthermore, let me assure you of my own deep concern for the rights of citizens for equal treatment as customers of businesses and as citizens of the state.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,

  
W. Lowry Anderson

WLA/dtk

# THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION

BOX 4689  
ATLANTA 2, GEORGIA

RALPH MCGILL  
Publisher

July 30, 1963

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor  
The City of Atlanta  
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I was real proud of you and your performance in Washington, but, of course, I was proud of you before that. Your appearance there may appear to be politically harmful now, but I think two years from now things will have progressed to show your statement as a moderate one. Many of the people who now oppose you will be grateful to you by the time two more years have passed.

At any rate, I thought you were great.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R' followed by a long, wavy line.

RM:gl



"SOLDIERS JOY"  
231 PEACHTREE BATTLE AVE., N.W.  
ATLANTA 5, GEORGIA

August 3, 1963.

My dear Ivan the Second :

I read with great pride in you that Senator John O. Pastore, the Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, had said after your testimony, that he felt humble in your presence. Atlanta has been brought to the favorable attention of the entire United States and the World through the World Wide recognition of your nobility of character. Your integrity, fairness and goodness stood out in what you said to the Senate Commerce Committee. You are the Earlys' Candidate for the most outstanding Mayor of a large American City in the U.S. for the Twentieth Century so far. May many fine days of Constructive achievements lie in store for you in the years to come.

I cut out a "poison pen" letter which appeared in yesterday's Atlanta Journal signed Neal Adams and in which he says: "A Negro is all right in his own place, and that is where he should stay." Mark Twain said that the worst thing one could say about a being is that he belonged to the Human Race. The letter of Neal Adams helps prove Mark Twain's contention.

Who is Neal Adams to decide what is a Negro's place. What he means is that while negroes slavery to individual slave owners ended with the end of the Civil War, he would have human slavery continue in a different form by condemning all Negroes to the lowest, most unpaid, and unskilled day labor jobs. Being kept in their place means that every person with a chocolate brown skin is to be a Biblical "Hewer of Wood and Drawer of Water" and nothing else. Negroes in their place means to white segregationist Negroes digging ditches, washing dishes cleaning up Wash rooms and nothing else.

The Negroes proper place is to be allowed to do any thing he has the intelligence, ability, character, ambition, education and skill to do and which he would be allowed to do if his skin was not black. America needs the brains, skills and abilities of every competent and eager-to-serve American Citizen regardless of the color of his skin.

It is only fair to admit that at present if we take a million Negroes and compare them with a million whites the Negroes will certainly have fewer highly educated and technically skilled persons in their group than the same number of white people. But that is not reason to keep the skilled and educated Negroes in virtual slavery. Denial of their just rights by Southern Segregationists has undoubtedly injured Negroes of the South. But it has injured the Community of Southern Whites far more.

The idea that no Negro can compete on terms of Equality with the White man just is not so. I am going to Analyze the situation in reference to just activity first and that is in line of *athletics.*



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The reason I take Athletics first which is a physical thing is that the Results of Athletic Contests are facts. Not even the most vicious and depraved of the Negro-Hating Racists can deny and disprove the Negroes achievements in Athletics .

Americans kept the Negro girl Althae Gibson off the Tennis Courts for many years. She learned Tennis by knocking a tennis ball around the streets of Harlem with a wooden paddle. But Althae Gibson became the Woman Tennis Champion of the World . The United States has not had a Woman Champion Tennis player since Athae Gibson retired .

In the World Olympic Contests which as you know take place once every four years , the United States might well stand about equal to some petty South or Central American Country but for the Negro Athletes on our Olympic Teams. I need not recall to you that in the 1960 Olympics that Rafer Johnson Negro won the Decathlon . The Negroes Ralph Budd , Thomas Wilma Rudolph were high on the team stars . Miss Wilma Rudolph won three gold medals for the United States Team. It is to be noted that recently in Moscow , Russia our American team of Women Athletes competed against Russian Women Athletes. Miss Wilma Rudolph was not along with the American Team. The Russian Women won all 10 medals for gold medals for top places . The American White women did not win a single gold medal. Just the other day a Southern Negro Bob Hayes from Florida broke the world Record for the 100 yards dash .

The first Negro that was allowed to play in professional Base ball was in 1947 ; Jackie Robinson ; That was a brief 16 years ago. Last year both the First and Second most valuable Baseball player in the National League were Negroes . Number 1 Maury Wills No. 2. Willie Mays. And who was voted the most Valuable Baseball player in the American League : A negro of course.

In the College Basket ball champion ship this very year who won ? Loyola University in Chicago with 4 Negroes playing in the six man team. What white basket ball players can be named that are in the class with with Wilt Chamberlain . Bill Russell , Ascar Robertson etc. Negro professional Basket ball players.

If one wishes to see a world Championship Prize fight in most any weight class as for instance the Liston-Clay Contest scheduled for next month , he has to go to see one Negro fighting another .

What the Negro has achieved in competitive Athletics has been achieved not with encouragement but in spite of every obstacle that the Segregationalist could devise . Southern Negroes have " Voted with their feet " and nearly half of them left the South . But even at that ; half of the Negroes in America still live in the South. Until very recently any of the Southern Negroes who attempted to compete in Athletic



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would have been rushed off to jail immediately. What will the Negro Achieve when he is free to compete in Athletics every where in the United States. That is one thing that will speed integration ~~x~~. In mixed Schools when the students attend a basket ball game, for instance, every member of the team may well be a <sup>Negro</sup> member. Students of schools are going to cheer for their team even if they are all Negroes. <sup>on the team.</sup>

The above just deals with Negroes' <sup>achievements</sup> achievements in athletics. The Southern Segregationists will say: That is just physical. They are so much nearer savages than we whites when they had to be active to keep alive. But they are inferior in brain power. They cant compete with white people mentally " Keep them in their place " Let them confine them selves to digging ditches and cleaning wash rooms.

For many years Marian Anderson was not allowed to sing in a white Concert hall in this country. She had to go and live in Europe to be allowed to sing. Finally the acclaim of Europe ~~and~~ enabled her come back to her native land and be allowed to sing. The Director of the Symphony La Scala Orchestra in Milan, Italy said that Marian Anderson had the finest singing voice in the 20th Century. That is a question of opinion. Any way she was, and is, a superior concert singer. I heard the Laurel, Mississippi Negress Leontyne Price Singing in Opera in Vienna in the summer of 1961. I have been going to Opera for 60 Years. Never in my whole life have I heard such tumultous and continued applause as the European Music Lovers gave Leontyne Price. Some outstanding Music Critics say that Leontyne Price is the greatest Opera singer who ever lived Others are more moderate and say that she is potentially the greatest Opera Singer that has ever lived so far. To me she is very good but I have hear others just as good. But if Neal Adams had his way Marian ADAMS AND Leontyne Price would be fixed in their places ~~and~~ doing menial domestic housework as a ~~near~~ near slaves.

I think that it was wonderful and noble of you ~~to~~ Ivan to introduce Mattiwilda Dobbs to her first recital in Atlanta Municipal Auditorium. I attach a clipping I made at the time of you introducing her. You look so handsome and distinguished. If ~~f~~ Neal Adams had his way Mattiwilda Dobbs would be a waitress in a restaurant or similar job. By the way, the Story of the Dobbs Family as I read it in the Atlanta News Papers is an epic of the Negro Race. There were and are six Girls in the Dobbs Family. The father was a postal clerk. There was no money for education in the Dobbs Family. If they were to get an education they had to get out and work their way through school. All six did. Five earned their M.A. Degrees and one a PhD. Equal that, if you can, any Millionaire white Family in Atlanta.

I want prolongue this already much too long letter by going into the constantly increasing triumphs of the Colored Race in the Educational and scientific World.



from

HELEN BULLARD  
Consultant

July 29, 1963

PERSONAL

Dear Ivan,

I have just sent you a most inadequate telegram but after trying all week-end to put down something that would convey what I really feel, I finally gave up.

When we were children, we used to play a game called "May I?". The leader would say, "You may take a baby step" and you would say, "May I?", and the leader would say "You May" and you would take it. Sometimes the leader would say very grandly, "You may take a giant step!" and those were the shining moments. I have the awed feeling that "SOMEBODY" said the same thing to you and that SOMEBODY was either your conscience or it was the grammar school teacher under whom you memorized "My strength is the strength of ten" ... or maybe it was one of those rare things of a person sensing that it was the thing to do. I have no way of knowing but whatever it was, it was your finest moment.

The other thing I wanted to tell you was that I was not only proud of what you did but how you did it. If you had hedged or if you had compromised.... but you didn't and your testimony had the same effect that Mr. Kennedy had when he said, "We do this because it is right."

It may be our salvation, this lesson of learning that right has a tangible weight.

I am deeply proud of you and I wish this letter could more adequately tell you how proud. I do not think that any action by any elected official in the South has ever taken the courage that this must have taken and in the scheme of time, this is no small thing.

Sincerely,

  
Helen Bullard

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July 31, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir;

It is not my custome to comment personally to public officials, But your appeal before the Senate Commerce Committee in behalf and support of the accomadations bill has deeply impressed my husband and me.

We came here six years ago from a small town in Wisconsin. We had failed abusiness we had owned and operated for over thirty years. We were ill, tired, old and hopeless. In six years we have regained our confidence fallen in love with the South and tried to take our place as good citizens of Atlanta.

As we have always been eager and active participants in civic progress and government in any area in which we lived we found it no different here.

We came here with the same fairy tale impression of the South that most Northern people have, were relieved to find there was something much more substantial in the picture. There was a spirit of rebirth in Atlanta that thrilled us to death. We felt there was a great job to be done and a need for much help to do it, even ours.

In our skid from riches to rags we lost all the old reliable props. Learning to live without them was at first a problem. We adopted a tongue in cheek attitude because there was much for us to learn before we were qualified to express an opinion.

We were repinants of the wonderful Southern hospitality, we still are providing we are willing to agree or do not express an opinion. Eventually we discovered our tongues were not in our cheeks but between our teeth. Thus we lost a privilege we'd enjoyed all our lives, freedom to speak.

It didn't take us long to rebel against this situation. Because we felt there was nothing to be gained by imposing our opinions on people who were not interested in hearing them we decided to learn through communication between ourselves



and Southerners in all walks of life. We listen and ask questions, we extend our hands in friendship to all we meet without regard to race or color. We feel it is not enough to "Love thy neighbor"--but one must also be "Thy brothers keeper!" Bigoted, prejudiced people leave us deeply frustrated but the failure of bonified leaders to speak up is positively frightening. Such men as, Ralph Mc Gill, the former Mayor Hartsfield, Gov. Sanders and yourself to mention only a few have been a constant source of comfort to us and many others. Mr. Sandman and I as converted Southerners want you to know how much we appreciate your outstanding leadership.

Mr. Sandman is employed as a salesman at Boomershine Pontiac. I teach creative art crafts in Atlanta and all over the State of Georgia.

In my work I often do courses and workshops in the Recreation Centers. I always ask to work with their colored directors. This I must do on a segregated basis. However, I am very happy that I have found this means of communication with the colored race. I have found many intelligent, fine people among these people. I often go out and do a work shop in their centers. Some times I work with as many as seventy five to a hundred little colored children---other times I work with their senior citizens. I also work with people in this area among the white race. There is no difference as far as I can determine, they are all eager and grateful for my services and I am thankful that I have something to give.

Many of my husbands customers are colored people. It is the custome when a car is sold to extend your hand in congratulations. However, if your customer is a negro you plave your hand in your pocket. Mr. Sandman has never done this, he always extends the same curtesy regardless of race or color. If he were not respected for his record as a salesman he would probably be called a "niger lover!" He has met some mighty fine people in this way. For these reasons we feel that lack of communication between the races is the root of all trouble.



All our lives Mr. Sandman and I have seemed to have but one outstanding talent. We are definitely prone to people who need help. We attract them like fly-paper attracts flies. We seem to have a particular attraction to the young. Twelve little waifs grew to adulthood along with three of our own, in Wisconsin. They still look on us as their parents.

Soon after we came to Atlanta (although my husband had carefully explained that we must finally think only of ourselves) I ran across a beautiful dilapidated old Southern mansion in the "Tara" variety. I felt that we just had to have it because "wonderful things would happen here!" Though my husband thought I had lost my mind and we hadn't a cent with which to buy this old monstrosity, two weeks later we had moved in. I had promised Sandy that it would be a good income house. The house had been vacant for several years and the owner who lived out of town was so eager to sell that he agreed to let us move in with the stipulation that within two months we would devise a way to start monthly payments which were ridiculously high. By rather unconventional but legal methods I found the means to meet this obligation on schedule. Actually I feel that practically everything that has happened here has been with God's magic alone. We don't only believe in miracles we expect them.

Shortly after we set up the means to meet our big monthly payments I involved us in a way that has changed our home from an income <sup>N</sup>venture to an out-go non profit "Old Woman in the Shoe" venture. Now my husband is "poor Pop" (literally). Somehow we have acquired sixteen beautiful southern teen age daughters. This came about through our association with a local Child Care Association. These kids come at the rate of two or three per year. They are placed in our home at the time they graduate from high school or become eighteen. The Agency provides vocational training which usually takes one year. They have grown to adulthood unadaptable, unloved, often abused. They are scarred by experiences beyond comprehension, their deep rooted fears have caused them to



develope a protective shell so thick it is almost impossible to penetrate. Unless you can find some way to get through to them they will quite likely wind up as a statistic in a prison or a detention or mental institution.

Besides our work with sixteen girls we have done considerable research in this great and urgent area of need. I have a good ~~many~~ amazing and heart breaking statistics regarding the average child care institution where these children grow up. Also the large percentage of foster homes which are not properly approved or supervised. This ~~is~~<sup>is</sup> due largely to lack of trained personnal also the employment of indifferent house mothers and attendents in an area where dedication is needed. If you had ever lived with the products of societies belt line provision for these forgotten, homeless children of the world you would understand why Pop and Mom Sandman feel a compulsion to help do something constructive for them.

As you may have suspected I am addicted to writing. This started in high school and in college my instructors felt sure I had a real aptitude for some form of writing. However, I became an art teacher in Wisconsin Schools, a profession I followed briefly before my marriage but returned to several years before we moved to Atlanta. I continued to write but until recently ~~it~~ it was the secret journal variety. Hiding your creations under the rug, the mattress, the Sunday linen isn't much of an insentive ~~to~~ improve. Despite the fact that any ability I might have ~~had~~ possessed at that time I am aware that under the circumstances I have surely regressed, still for the first time I feel compelled to make myself heard on this subject.

The sixteen girls who have come to us through the agency are now as dear to us as our own family, in fact only by making them a member of our family can we break through this terrible shell. The first few months are truly difficult and only with God's help can we find the wisdom and courage to stick by them until they accept our love. Though most of them are married by now they continue to need the parental relationship to accept the responsibilities of independence and self support as well as to find happiness in marriage.



For the time being we have had to discontinue our custome of adding two or three per year to our family. Our responsibilities both emotional and financial to these girls ~~is~~ staggering. Mr. Sandman and I have managed to meet our obligations to date by working both night and day. Life here in our old mansion is terribly exciting, happy and no little bit fantastic. True to my premonition "wonderful things have happened".

My work has grown very popular with the garden clubs, church women, sororities, civic groupes----I have created a sort of rediculous image for myself---people have accepted it, in fact my services are much in demand. I am glad because with each fee I collect ~~makes~~ it <sup>is</sup> possible to accomplish that much more in our real area of interest.

I have been striving to open a showcase to display and sell, not only my creations but also to use for an outlet for many forms of Arts and crafts I've run across in my experience teaching. Through an impulsive little add I placed in last weeks paper I have found a groupe of wonderful people here in Atlanta who are anxious to band together to participate in this venture to accomplish together what most of us have tried to do for years. Although the Showcase will be set up here in our funny old house there is a wide area of interest which includes the entire city. Most of us are unknowns, some are handicapped and confined to their homes, others are senior citizens----others are very well known artists who although they have enjoyed considerable success are still interested and anxious to help. This is much appreciated by people on the Southwest side of Atlanta as there are very few galleries or facilities of this sort in this area.

The last of the week Doris Lockerman of The Constitution is writing an article about this undertaking. I guess I threw an arrow and it turned out to be a boomerang. As I say most of us are undiscovered but who knows, maybe through our efforts perhaps someone will find recognition ~~for~~ <sup>and make a</sup> lovely contribution to the world of beauty? Anyway it is exciting and worth while.



Ruth Kent who, as you know has the "Today Show" on WSB, is a very dear friend of mine. I have appeared many times on her show, usually to do an Art Craft demonstration. She is very interested in our work with homeless children and often does things to help me for that reason. I will soon appear on that program with another guest to "plug" our Atlanta Showcase. Everything in our showcase will be an Atlanta Creation and all the arts will be represented---there will be a wide variety reaching from the most distinctive fine arts to the more decorative, useful arts---there will be reproductions of old crafts but no antiques--it must be the work of present day creative people.

Actually our urgent need of means to continue our work with homeless children mothered this invention of my imagination but out of it has grown an opportunity to help in many other areas. I wish you could have seen the dear little woman I called on yesterday. She had called me to find out what the add was all about. She was seventy five, could not come to me but she was so eager to show me her creations and to participate in this venture that I told her I would come to see her. She doesn't need an outlet for her work (paints beautiful china) ~~but she needs~~ for financial gain but being able to take an active part in this venture has made her feel more of a part of this world, she had begun to withdraw and feel no longer needed as so many older people. I will go and get her creations, take her supplies and help her feel a part of the Showcase. I also have many handicapped people who will make contributions in the same way.

We have found a whole new way of life through our work here in Atlanta. It all began with love of God. Now we have learned the power of love we are anxious to share it with others. It could make the world go around in peace.

Admittedly there are times the load is a little heavy. We begin to feel our burdens instead of our joys. We feel sorry for ourselves and are slightly rebellious-----Then someone like you takes a gallant step forward as you did this last week and were up and at 'em again--"Onward Christian Soldiers!"

Most Sincerely, *Maxine Sandman*



JOSEPH A. WILBER, M.D.

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ATLANTA 5, GEORGIA

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7/27/63

Dear Mayor Allen,

Your testimony before Congress was superb,  
and, in my opinion, showed great skill and  
understanding.

I am proud of Atlanta and of my Mayor.  
With your leadership, I am sure we can solve these  
difficult problems with charity, justice and  
dignity for all.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Wilber M.D.

Mrs. Alton L. Bland  
Blandhill Farms  
Route 1  
Pineville, North Carolina

July 28, 1963.

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen,

I must say I have deep respect for your courage and sincerity in backing the civil rights legislation in the Commerce Committee hearing. I have seen nothing to equal it since the racial crisis arose. It must have been very hard to take a stand so unpopular in your area. I wish I could applaud the wisdom of your decision to testify.

I know it has been trying to cope with Negro demonstrators in a city the size of Atlanta. It is much easier to give in to them. Neighboring Charlotte has done much of this. However, the more I read of their aspirations the more I feel that their demands are insatiable. Where will they stop? Also I cannot see any ultimate good to the nation evolving out of the social mixing of the two races, nor how it can bring any more happiness to either race.

When the Supreme Court made it's fateful decision to define that the schools must be integrated, they opened Pandora's Box.. I think it was a great mistake. Perhaps we will need this legislation and the enforcing of the school integration to the letter all over the nation to wake people up. Conditions may be so unpleasant that they will demand that the legislation be repealed, and the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment be altered to correct the mistake, as in the case of the 18th Amendment. Whatever happens we are in for a great deal of racial trouble in the years to come in the North and South.

Sincerely yours,

*Linda Bland*



NYC - July 27, 1963

Dear Sir—

You are a courageous man. Your  
speech before the Senate Commerce Committee  
was eloquent in its honesty.

"Bravo," to you Sir. You are  
a man to be respected — because

you in turn, respect.

You're right, there's no turning  
back.

ALL good things to you.

ALWAYS—  
KEN SCHMIDT  
8 JANE ST.  
NYC (14)

George School  
Bucks County,  
Pennsylvania

July 27, 1963

Joan Allen, jr.  
Mayor of the City  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen =

I have read with a schoolchild's  
reverence the account in today's New  
York Times of your appearance before  
the Senate Commerce Committee and  
the excerpts from your statement.

I thought you might like to  
know that I felt about your  
statement what I rarely feel about  
a public official in the presence of  
a fraught and complicated problem,  
that here is a great man, diffident  
of his powers and achievements but  
brave enough to look around him  
and engage rather than hide a dan-



gerous conflict. Those of us who  
read our newspapers with daily in-  
crease of sorrow and apprehension  
find joy in your realism, for no  
matter what one's beliefs it is relief  
to see a ~~the~~ problem and its possible  
(~~solutions~~) outcomes honestly displayed  
and thoughtfully directed.

May you and your city prosper,  
and may our country profit from  
your actions.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Constance Sigler

July 27, 1963

Dear Mayor Allen -

I admire and appreciate  
your affirmative stand on  
The President's accommodation  
Bill!

I'm very proud of you!  
..... and for you!

Sincerely,

Carolyn B. Mann



AUBREY MILAM  
12 S. PRADO, N. E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Friday PM, July 26, 1963

Dear Mayor:

I wish to express my hearty approval of your stand before the Senatorial Committee in Washington as reported in this afternoon's Journal.

I think it took courage to adopt the course you did in face of the fact that all our representatives in government affairs took the opposite stand.

Some adjustments can be made in the proposed law that will do no injustice to any one concerned, but this note is principally to felicitate you on what we call intestinal fortitude to stand up for your convictions.

Meanwhile, I hope you be as active in supporting the present administration and the reelection of the President.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.,  
Atlanta

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Aubrey", with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

July 27, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I wish to congratulate you and thank you for your historic statement yesterday to the Senate Commerce Committee. The New York Times which I read published your complete statement which I intend to frame as a truly important historic document.

I wish to thank you for your courage, integrity and breadth of vision and for your commonsense and deep humanity. I hope some day that you are elected to the U. S. Senate.

Again, my deepest thanks to you for your truly great statement and for the magnificent job you and your colleagues have done for decency and humanity in Atlanta.

Yours sincerely,

Lawrence Kupferman -

Lawrence Kupferman



William Voigt, Jr.  
R. D. 3  
MECHANICSBURG, PA.

July 26, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

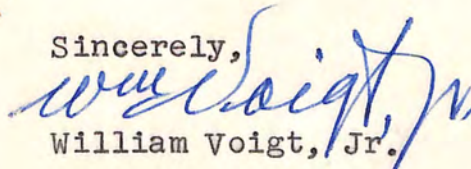
The television news reports and the newspaper accounts of your appearance before the Senate committee on the civil rights issue left me proud of the city of my birth tonight.

Don't let the "junior" on my name fool you; I was a reporter for the old Georgian-American when Bill Hartsfield was a young alderman in 1926. I followed his actions in preventing racial discord when he was mayor, and liked the way he handled matters.

Now you have proved more than a worthy successor, in my view; you've gone a step further, a long step.

Economic integration cannot be withheld any longer. It is inevitable; it must come. Social integration is another matter. We have no choice on the former; we do have a choice on the latter.

This is one of the key areas of reasoning, in my view. If it has been used in treating with the die hards, it has not been so reported in the press of the North, where I have lived most of my adult years. It may be worth considering as we painfully creep toward giving the Negro his long overdue due. It may possibly be an argument to use in hastening the day of equal economic rights and treatment.

Sincerely,  
  
William Voigt, Jr.

And proud for Tech too!



Anniversary

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
ATLANTA 13, GEORGIA

July 27, 1963

Dear Ivan:

I don't know  
when I have been  
so proud of anybody  
as I am of you - and  
of the city where you  
and I were born.

What you said  
was true and wise  
and brave!

Your friend,  
Glenn Ramsey



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July 26, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

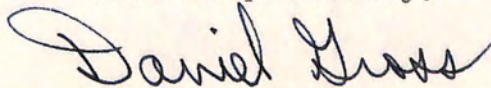
Dear Mayor Allen:

I am a student at the University of Chicago and I also visit frequently in New York City. Away from home, I often meet people very interested in the racial situation in the South. I am never ashamed to say I am from Atlanta and I am able to compare Atlanta's progress in social justice favorably with most northern cities. I am proud that the names Hartsfield and McGill are those most often associated with Atlanta by non southerners.

Your brilliant testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee today will add still more to our city's lustre. Your contribution to the cause of human rights was inestimable and I am certain it will earn you national esteem equal to other great Atlantans. For myself I am enormously pleased that you chose to commit yourself so unequivocally on this important issue.

Under your leadership, Atlanta's future is bright.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel R. Gross". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Daniel R. Gross

Walter C. Foulke  
Attorney - at - Law

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July 27, 1963

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Mr. Ivan Allen Jr.  
Mayor  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor:

From the "Excerpts" of your statements to the Senate Commerce Committee as they appeared in this mornings New York Times, it seems that you are about to rise above the ordinary headline seekers and those with insincere purpose to become the consience of the South on discrimination. There is much in the North as well as the South that needs your experience and clear feelings toward the issues, as you well know. I wish you success for in no field of indeavor does this county need accomplishment more badly.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter C. Foulke*

wcf/



Herbert Farrell, Jr.  
226 Coral Lane  
Palm Beach, Florida

July 27, 1963.

Dear Sir,

I read with interest your appearance before Congress yesterday. My wife and I have maintained a home here for many years, only a few blocks from the Kennedys - however I am not in politics.

I am glad you have awakened the people of your fair city from the horrible crime their ancestors committed approximately one hundred years ago - that is, your white citizens fighting and killing other white citizens of this country just because it was of economic value to maintain slavery.

I should think the least you could do, as Mayor, would be to order your citizens to church every Sunday to repent and seek forgiveness for their forebears.

Very truly yours,  
Herbert Farrell, Jr.

45 West 10th Street  
New York, New York 10011  
July 27, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Atlanta  
Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Please accept my most sincere and hearty congratulations on the brilliance, clarity, and meaning of your July 26th statement to the Senate Commerce Committee.

Among all the millions of words that have been spoken and written on both sides of the segregation-integration issue, your statement stands out as a model of integrity and as a rare example of what the United States of America really represents.

I feel certain that millions of others throughout this nation, no matter what their racial, ethnic, or religious backgrounds, join me in extending genuine gratitude for your statement.

Several years ago, I had the good fortune to spend some time in Atlanta. I found it a beautiful, energetic, and thoroughly gracious city. I do not know if you were mayor at that time, but I am certain that your administration has helped to make Atlanta a still finer city.

I send you my best wishes for continued success and my hopes that your civic career will prosper. Your statement marks you as one of an all too rare breed of public official. Would that we had more like you.

With respect and gratitude,

*Jess Lowen*

Jess Lowen



1440 Victoria Ave  
Los Angeles 19, Calif  
July 28, 1963.

Honorable Mayor Ivan  
Allen Jr.

Mayor of Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen Jr.

Your courageous appeal to  
Congress for "rights" to all people,  
should make a very true citizen  
bow to you with praise.

Truly, you are a brave,  
brave Mayor.

"You are a symbol for justice,  
that gives all Americans the  
strength to face the issue"

Thank you, thank you,

Bartow Durcan

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P. O. Box 4056  
ATLANTA 2, GEORGIA

July 29th  
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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

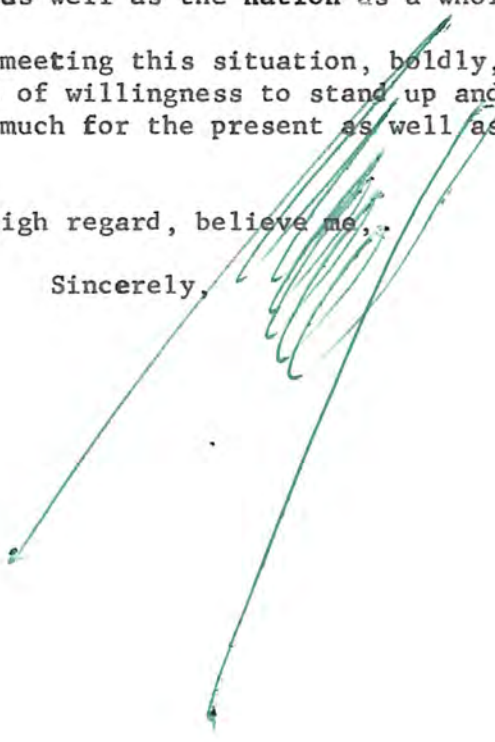
Dear Ivan:

Your forthright statement to the Committee and your leadership as a pioneer in this field does credit to you personally as well as to the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia and the entire South, as well as the nation as a whole.

I congratulate you in meeting this situation, boldly, as you have. It is this kind of willingness to stand up and be counted that means so much for the present as well as for the future.

With assurance of my high regard, believe me,

Sincerely,



AM:tg



July 27, 1963

Dear Mayor Allen,

I read with interest and enthusiasm your testimony presented yesterday before the Senate Commerce Committee.

There are certainly many of us in the "North" who subscribe to your views and those of the other citizens of Atlanta who have faced up to the law of the land, but who require some coherent clarification from the Congress in order that all advances made (as in Atlanta) will not slip back by default.

You and your associates are to be complimented for your sincere efforts to eliminate the goal of discrimination.

And you as an individual are to be praised as a person of real courage in an age when it is

certainly not politic to speak of aid  
to get in keeping with law and  
conscience.

I wish you well in this battle you  
are waging, all of you in  
Atlanta who are waging it.

and I wish you more than well in  
your own personal sphere. It is  
when I encounter a dedication  
under fire such as the one  
you exhibit that I have hope  
for America.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Tucker  
Box 428  
Stockbridge, Massachusetts



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Mr. Ivan Allen  
Mayor- City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I would like to thank you for the wonderful representation you gave to our city, during the hearings in Washington last week. This is all we could ask for and all we could ever need.

I was born in this city- 41 years ago- and have been fortunate enough to see the change coming- and lucky enough to have made the necessary changes and still bring up three children, without any form of human prejudice. I have been ably assisted in this by people like your father and your self, among others.

Let us all hope and pray that Atlanta will continue to be represented by someone with your outlook on the future as well as the present.

JLA/ga

Very Truly Yours,

*Julian L. Aiken*  
Julian L. Aiken  
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July 26, 1963  
 ✓ (11:00 a.m.)

The Honorable Mayor  
 Ivan Allen Jr.  
 3700 Northside Drive NW  
 Atlanta Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Please accept this informal note as an expression of appreciation for the courageous stand you have taken <sup>before the</sup> U.S. Senate Commerce Committee in support of the "Public Accommodations" section of the pending Civil Rights bill.

Several months ago I had to hang my head in shame for Atlanta when the "Peyton baracades" went up. But today - you took a Giant step that called for a mountain of courage.

Atlanta, the South, and the entire nation should never forget the touch you have lite that may signal a "new Day" in Southern politics.

Thank you again for showing the world what Atlanta really stands for.

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your sincerely,  
 Lannie J. Fuller



FULLER

401 Claire Drive N.E.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30307  
August 7, 1963

Mayor Allen;  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen;

We want to thank you for being such a good mayor. We think you have done a wonderful job in keeping peace between the races in such troubled times.

We think you honored our city in your talk before the Civil Rights Committee in Washington. We are glad you have the courage to stand up for your convictions.

We are white registered voters in the city limits.

Very truly yours,

Mittie Brackett  
Lella Brackett  
Pauline Brackett

87 Fairmount St.  
Hartford 5, Conn.  
August 5, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Office of Mayor  
Atlanta, Geogria

Dear Mayor Allen:

Your recent speech to the Senate Commerce Committee concerning public accomodations for all was very outstanding and excellent. If we had more men of your caliber, we could do away with all forms of segregation and discrimination.

Indications are that much progress has been accomplished in Atlanta; therefore, we assume that more progress will be accomplished during this modernisitic age.

Yours Truly,

*Charles Smith*

Charles Smith



MR. HEZZIE LEE  
1252 W. 81st PLACE  
LOS ANGELES 44, CAL.

8/5/63

MAYOR IVAN ALLEN JR.

DEAR MAYOR.

WHEN WE THINK OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE,  
AND THE WELL-MEANING PURPOSES OF THE FOUNDING FATHERS HAVE  
NOT YET BEEN PUT INTO PRACTICE, THROUGHOUT THE LENGTH AND  
BREADTH OF OUR LAND,

MY PRIDE IN THIS LAND OF THE FREE AND HOME OF THE  
BRAVE, HAS BECOME A LITTLE TARNISHED LATELY.

BUT WHEN BRAVE MEN LIKE YOU TOLD CONGRESS, IF I  
HAD YOUR PROBLEM, ARMED WITH THE LOCAL EXPERIENCE I  
HAVE HAD, I WOULD PASS A PUBLIC ACCOMMODATIONS BILL.

TO BE A SOUTHERN IT TAKE A REAL GREAT MAN TO DO  
WHAT YOU DID, BUT AFTER READING THIS ARTICLE,  
I CAN STILL SEE HOPE FOR US SHINING THROUGH OUR  
GREAT MEN LIKE YOUR SELF,

LET ALL OF US TRULY MAKE THIS A LAND OF OPPORTUNITY FOR  
ALL, DEAR MAYOR IVAN ALLEN JR. IT WAS HEARTWARMING

AND AS A NEGRO, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK YOU AND  
CONGRATULATED YOU, I AGAIN THANK YOU MAY GOD BLESS  
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, I LOVE AMERICA WITH ALL MY HEART.

ANSWER IF YOU HAVE THE TIME.

YOUR FOR EVER Hezzie Lee



Mr. George W. Beiswanger  
2109 Spring Creek Road  
Decatur, Georgia

September 3, 1963

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

Dear Mr. Allen:

Mrs. Beiswanger and I moved in June from Milledgeville, where both of us were teaching in the Woman's College, to the Atlanta area. I am teaching in the philosophy department of Georgia State College.

Though our actual residence, as you see, is in Decatur, we are thrilled to be in Atlanta. It is such a beautiful city. We had been in and out of it many times, but now we are really getting to know it.

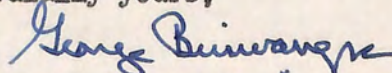
I had intended to write you sooner because of the stand you took on the Civil Rights proposals now before the Congress. Your position, as I see it, is both right and sound.

One of the reasons we took into full account when deciding to come to Atlanta was its sensible way of dealing with the racial problem. We took pride in that in before we came, and hope we can continue to feel good about the city in this respect, despite the set backs from time to time, and the obstinate.

Among summer explorations here, we took in the Shakespeare productions of the Academy Theatre, expecting little and discovering much. Also we are finding the art galleries quite exciting on the whole. And it is such a pleasure to be in a city built in a forest.

Our appreciation for all you are doing as mayor and civic leader.

Cordially yours,



George Beiswanger

*File pro - civil rights*



303I Kallin Ave.  
Long Beach 8, Calif.  
August 27, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago, I read in the papers and saw on television, your testimony before the Senate Committee on Civil Rights Legislation. Before that day, I had never heard of Mayor Ivan Allen but after that day was over, I had gained respect and admiration for a person who I feel has great courage.

For a person from the south to say that Congress should act in the public accommodations field took great courage. It even becomes more of a courageous act when it is so obvious that it is political expedience to be against all Civil Rights Legislation.

I'm sure the segregationists and racists have given you a hard time for your words. But for this fellow American, you did something that will long be remembered by people who believe in equality of all groups.

If you receive other letters of congradulations from this area, it is because I have been constantly sounding off about your impressive words. It is the least we can do for a person who has furthered the cause of equality.

Here's hoping you get re-elected to the year 2000.

Yours very truly,

*Alfred Schmidt*  
Alfred Schmidt

*file*



Jamestown, Alabama  
August-9 1963.

Hon. Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta, Ga.  
My dear Sir:

I, of course, did not hear you testify before that committee in Washington the other day, but I heard it announced on television, and saw it in the papers, and I am just writing to you, to let you know that I heartily and fully endorse your stand on this subject.

I know that there is nothing much that a man of no note, as I am can do to assist in these efforts, but I hope to encourage you and others who are in a position to be heard, to put forth every effort to accomplish in our day, at least a part of the things, which is making a start on all the things, which as I see it, are so long past due.

To me, the color of a person's skin, has nothing to do with his usefulness in accomplishing the things that always have, and still do, lie ahead of the human race to accomplish, and it appears to me, that the Creator had a purpose and use for all the peoples of his creation to, or in order to accomplish whatever he had in mind for the human race accomplish, so that we may all enjoy the greatest happiness.

And from my position, it appears that the sooner we humans of all races and colors can realize these things, and stop acting like that we think our Creator made a mistake because he made somebody else with a lighter or darker color than we are, and accept all creation just as it is, and get busy, by putting all our efforts together to accomplish the good things that will benefit all colors alike, (which plan, so far as I know, has never been tried ~~tried~~,) From my position, it appears to me, we might have some reason <sup>to</sup> expect that greater accomplishments and benefits that have been with-held from mankind because of our attitude toward our Creator's handiwork of different peoples, might soon begin to appear, with a peace and prosperity that has never before been known to the world, so that happiness might abound through-out the Earth, and maybe it would be a step in the direction of everybody having plenty and to spare, and un-afraid!

Otherwise, it seems to me that we may expect to keep having to put up with such things as we have been, until such time as some future generation sees fit to take advantage of the chance that now confronts us, and reaps the better benefits, which are now open to us.

Hoping my long letter has not tried your patience, and that it will be no hindrance to you in your undertakings, as mayor of the great city of Atlanta.

Your friend J.H. Carter





Delta Tau Delta  
Tom Hendrix

July 26

Dear Mayor Allen,

I wish to congratulate you on your backing of President Kennedy's civil Rights legislation. I have been watching your progress since your election and I want to tell you that you are the best thing to happen to Atlanta in many a year. America and the South needs more men like you.

I am speaking as a white, native born southerner but as a white, native born southerner who sees that blind prejudice is ruining our country.

Again, let me congratulate you.

Respectively,

W. Thomas Hendrix



Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> 1963

Dear "Ivan" -

Thank you so much for your nice letter and the copy of the text of your very fine testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee. I not only have enjoyed and "digested" it but have allowed several others, who think as we do, to read it.

I certainly could not feel proud of our Senior Senator when he appeared on "Meet the Press" this past Sunday.

And thanks too for taking your valuable time out of your busy schedule to write to Mr. Harrison about tickets to hear the President's address. Yesterday I had a nice letter from Dr. Harrison's office assuring me the tickets would be sent to me when arrangements are complete. The date of address is Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. I can't tell you just what this means to me.



I attended a wedding and reception  
on Saturday and was told later  
that Ivan III's wife was there.  
Mary has after told me what a  
lovely girl she is and I am sorry  
I did not meet her - the crowd was  
large and all ages!

Please don't work too hard -  
we desperately need the "likes of you!"  
Again my appreciation and all  
good wishes.

Sincerely  
Francis B. Cheney

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
OFFICE OF BUSINESS ECONOMICS  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

July 30, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I wish to congratulate you for your exceptionally fine and courageous testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee concerning the pending public accommodations bill. I was deeply moved by it and as a former Atlantan, greatly proud.

I believe that your stated position will help to dispel the widespread notion that all unreason is concentrated in the South. Moreover, it served to point out the national, rather than regional character of the civil rights revolution.

With best wishes for further peaceful progress in Atlanta I am

Sincerely yours,

*Albert A. Hirsch*  
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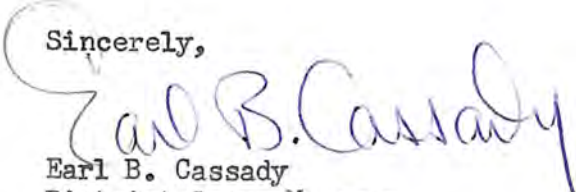
Dear Mayor Allen:

I would like to thank you for representing my views in  
Washington, D. C. recently.

I appreciate your sincerity and courage.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
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July 30, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

Thank you for your strong statement before the Senate Commerce Committee in behalf of the pending public accommodations bill.

Leadership like yours is one of the signs of hope in the contemporary scene.

Very sincerely yours,

John W. Meister

JWM/lr



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Hon. Ivan Allan, Jr., Mayor  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allan:

This happens to be a busy week for me, because I am trying to get away on vacation, but I did want to take the time to write you this short note to extend to you my hearty congratulations on the magnificent statement on the subject of integration that you made to the Congressional Committee.

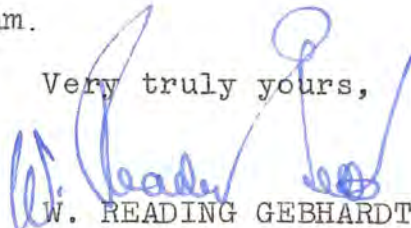
I happen to be a member of the National Board of the Y.M.C.A. and I have been keenly interested in the whole problem of integration for many years, so I was simply delighted with all that you had to say.

I realize fully that, to use a down to earth expression, you were sticking your neck out plenty in the Deep South by making this bold and forthright statement, so I think you are entitled to an enormous amount of credit!

There must be many thousands of moderate white people in the South that believe, as you do, but have not had the courage to speak out as you have. I believe that your statement will set forward the cause of integration many miles that otherwise it would have been painful to achieve. More power to you!

With warm regards, I am.

Very truly yours,



W. READING GEBHARDT

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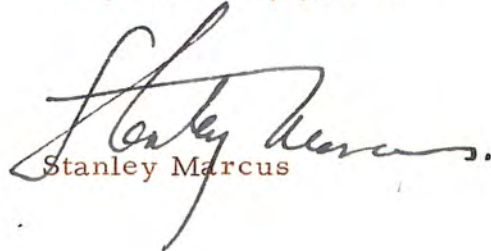
MAYOR IVAN ALLEN, JR.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

DEAR MAYOR ALLEN:

Your testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee is one of the most heartening incidents that has occurred in the history of race relations in this country.

I salute you for your wisdom and for your courage, and I only regret that I will have no opportunity to vite for you. In deep appreciation, I am

Very sincerely yours,

  
Stanley Marcus

SM:GS



Rt. 1, Box 36  
Coachella, California 92236  
July 27, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I wish to express my congratulations to you for taking the stand you are about outlawing racial discrimination in restaurants, hotels and other private businesses.

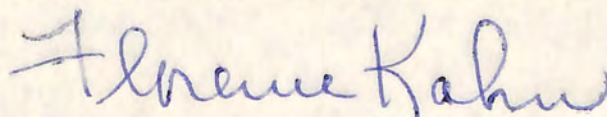
America needs men like you and the Kennedys who are brave enough to hold democratic ideals and who are willing to jeopardize their own political futures to further their application in our daily lives.

The rights of the individual are basic in our society if we are to make real progress toward achieving the brotherhood of man but the ideal must be put to practice rather than be held as an abstract and senseless ideal unless it is carried out in ways that are visible.

Patriotic ideals will survive only if men are brave enough to practice them.

So I offer my heartiest congratulations to you for doing your best to keep America the "land of the free and the home of the brave", a place of equal opportunity for all.

"With liberty and justice for all,"



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Mrs. Florence Kahn

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July 29, 1963

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

I was impressed and gratified by the wisdom shown in your appearance before the Senate Commerce Committee on July 26th. The stand you took cast credit not only upon you but upon the majority in the city who must be supporting you.

We in the North sometimes forget the difficulties which seem far removed at times in this problem of segregation (though we are coming closer to it now than we realize, I am sure).

Congratulations on your clear, wise and forthright statements, which I read recently in the New York Times.

Sincerely,



JDC:ch



August 1, 1963  
801 Randolph  
Clarksville, Indiana

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

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I would like to congratulate you on your fine statement made before the Senate Commerce Committee in support of President Kennedy's bill to prohibit racial discrimination in public accommodations. Also let me comment on the fine progress your city has made. If only more of our leaders in both north and south would take this stand our nation might become once again the champion of freedom.

Sincerely yours,

*Mrs. Earl Konkle*

Mrs. Earl Konkle

Campus View House #124  
Bloomington, Indiana  
August 1, 1963

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

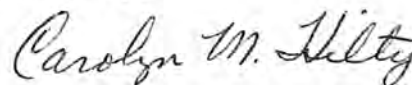
My dear Mayor Allen:

Since reading about your efforts in Atlanta to ease the integration problem, I wanted you to know how very much I admire and respect your stand. As a white person born and raised in the South, I am fully aware of the criticism and pressure you undoubtedly have been under personally. I can only wish there were more Southern leaders...Northern, Eastern, and Western ones, too, for that matter...with the courage you have.

In paying tribute to your endeavors, I will say that you have helped the physically beautiful city of Atlanta to achieve the deeper beauty of integrity, tolerance and enlightenment. I would be very proud to live there!

My prayers will be with you as you continue your courageous work.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Donald P. Hilty



ROGER C. WHITE, JR.  
2764 POINT DRIVE  
MONROE, LOUISIANA

August 3, 1963

Mayor Ivan Tate, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Tate:

After your splendid statement before the Senate Commerce committee, I cannot but place you along with two other great Georgians-- your predecessor and Mr. Ralph McGill. There aren't too many more like you in the South.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

R.C. White, Jr.

1836 Dyson Drive  
Decatur, Georgia  
August 4, 1963

Honorable Ivan Allan  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Just a note to express our appreciation for your forthright stand in testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee last week. You made it clear, indeed, that a public accommodations law would clarify the situation to a great extent for both businessmen and their publics. But we commend even more your stand on the morality of the issue -- your voicing that there is a right and wrong in this matter, and your willingness to take your stand despite the possible political liabilities.

One dissent: remember what happened in school desegregation because of "all deliberate speed". Any period of grace which might be attached to the legislation must have a definite and not-too-distant compliance date included, or we stand open to witnessing a delaying spectacle like that regarding the schools over the past nine years.

Sincerely yours,

*Mr. & Mrs. James H. Laue*

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Laue



Box 138, Route 1  
Monmouth, Ore  
July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1963

Mayor  
Atlanta,  
Georgia.

Dear Sir,

Congratulations on the courageous  
stand you took last week during the civil  
rights hearings. You will be remembered  
by those who are working for the human  
rights of all minorities in America.

Sincerely

Tom and Margot Olmstead.

3269 Amhurst Drive, N. W.  
Atlanta 18, Georgia  
August 1, 1963

Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I have never written to a public official before except to make a request of one kind or another.

I know that you will receive many, many, letters calling you all sorts of names. I know that you will even be criticized by those who you have tried to help.

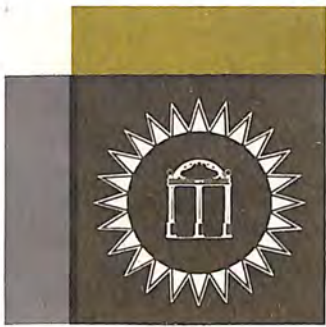
This is to say "thanks" for helping the country and the Congress to cut through the decoys and propaganda and look at the real issue.

Atlantans will not have to hang their heads this summer as they visit friends and go to conventions in other cities. Your grand children can be proud that you said "out loud" for the whole world to hear what so many are thinking but lack the courage to say.

Sincerely yours,

  
Samuel B. Ethridge





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City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia*

*Dear Mayor Allen:*

*I'm an Atlantan over here at Athens for a few days. I'm between meetings just now and free for a few moments.*

*What I want to tell you is how proud I was of Atlanta and of its mayor the other day when you testified on the President's Civil Rights Proposals. It was a wholesome and clean and good sound to hear you speak as you did. Congratulations!*

*Sincerely,*

*Ralph*

*R. Spillman*





July 27, 1963

The Honorable Ivan Allen,  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta;

Dear Sir;

In my opinion, most of our political leaders here in the South are either completely lacking in foresight or are too concerned with their careers and personal security to care what unfortunate results our racial problems will create if they are not solved. Therefore I was happily surprised to read of your endorsement of the public accommodations bill. In doing so, you have displayed courage and intelligence. (traits sadly lacking in southern leadership today) As a citizen I respectfully offer my sincere thanks.

In talking to my friends (truck-drivers, mechanics, our pastor, etc.) about the racial situation, I am dismayed to learn these good, hardworking,



sincere people are lacking in logic and clear thought on this subject. They unquestionably accept an old philosophy that has been handed down from generation to generation. It is impossible for them to believe the Negro is equal to the white man. This philosophy is so prevalent I have come to the conclusion that it is remarkable that any of us born southerners have escaped it. We cannot expect the "man in the street" to change his views when the men he looks to for leadership share those views. Therefore, it seems clear to me that colored people cannot progress with any rapidity without new laws. He must force his way "in" and perhaps association will finally destroy discrimination.

I am sure your action will make you unpopular with many people. I am equally



sure you are aware of this.  
But ~~for~~<sup>to</sup> some of us you have  
given a sharp and beautiful  
reminder that our American  
ideals are not old-fashioned  
or corny. They are as meaningful  
as ever and well worth  
defending. You have done  
so admirably.

Sincerely yours,  
Jo Ann Clower



August 3, 1963.

To: Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor Atlanta,  
City Hall, Atlanta, Georgia.

From: C.E. Jackson, 890 Mitchell Street, S.W.,  
Atlanta 14, Georgia.

Subject: Enclosure, "Stand And Be Counted!".

Respectfully submitted in appreciation of your forthright and  
courageous stand on current governmental issues, and with prayerful  
remembrance in these challenging days.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C.E. Jackson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STAND AND BE COUNTED!

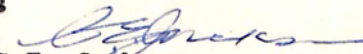
(To Atlanta Mayor, Ivan Allen, Jr.)

Stand and be counted!  
Stand tall and true;  
As His tree fruitful,  
God prosper you!

Stand as God's prophet  
Stood against Baal;  
Still stands His remnant--  
Follow their trail!

Stand--unentangled--  
"Fast in the Lord";  
Hid though His blessing,  
Rest in His Word!

Stand duty-challenged,  
Stand Spirit-manned;  
Vile though the climate,  
Cleanse it--and stand!

  
--C.E. Jackson

1 Kings 18:20-22; 19:18; Psalm 1:3;  
Galatians 5:1; Philippians 4:1





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1 August, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir,

Ever since I heard your testimony on the radio while traveling from my home in California I have wanted to write and tell you how much I admire you.

As a salesman I make two trips a year to Atlanta and it is clear to me now why I always look forward to the trip. Atlanta is not

only beautiful, but progressive.

Though I am white I  
cannot help but feel that  
Senator Thurmond is a disgrace  
to this country and that ~~with~~ <sup>we need</sup>  
men like you to give the  
South true leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Rodney Owens  
(Los Angeles, Calif.)



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August 2, 1963

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

My Dear Ivan:

Leah and I are so proud to join with the New York Times of Sunday, July 28, 1963, in commending you for your constructive warning which you pronounced to the Senate Commerce Committee recently.

Atlanta must inevitably forge ahead under your far-seeing leadership.

Cordially,



942 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE., Apt. 4  
Atlanta 6, Ga.  
Aug. 1, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mayor Allen:

I want to congratulate you on your urging the passage of the Kennedy Administration's public accommodation bill.

I am proud of you and am with you and the President concerning this bill.

Sincerely,

*Jim Nence -*

Jim Nence.



P.O. Box 307, Roswell, Georgia  
July 31, 1963

To Atlanta's Honorable Mayor Allen,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for so ably representing Atlanta before the nation in Washington, D.C. during the last week. Many Georgians who are not Atlantans (we are former Atlantans) depend heavily upon the intelligent courageous leadership Atlanta officials give to the solution of our many frustrating problems, and we are everlastingly grateful to you and your co-workers for the grand job you are doing.

You have lots of friends in the hinterland---rural parts of the state who value your efforts as much as Atlantans do.

Our blessings on you,

*M Fern Maddox*

M. Fern Maddox, and

*Wilma van Dusseldorp*

Wilma van Dusseldorp



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July 27, 1963

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Mayor Ivan Allen  
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Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor:

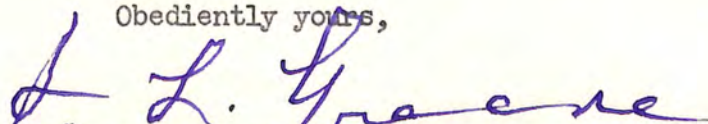
I wish to thank you and to congratulate you upon one of the most courageous, constructive, and intelligent statements, that have been made touching the Public Accommodations feature of the President's Civil Rights Bill.

Freedom-loving citizens over the entire country are applauding you, without regard to race or creed and as a minister of the Gospel for more than Fifty Years, it is my earnest prayer that your continued role in governmental affairs, might be correspondingly exemplary and admirable.

Again congratulating you, and wishing you long life and happiness, I beg to remain,

With great respect,

Obediently yours,

  
Sherman L. Greene, Senior Bishop  
African Methodist Episcopal Church

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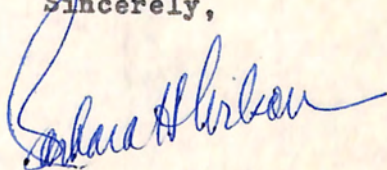
Mayor Ivan Allan, Jr.,  
Atlanta, Georgia,  
U. S. A.

AMSAC,  
4/6 Oil Mill St.,  
LAGOS, Nigeria.

Dear Sir:

Congratulations, Sir, on your stand  
on desegregation in your state.  
May God bless you.

Sincerely,



Barbara H. Wilson