

September 7, 1966

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

Dear Sir:

Please let us join with many others in expressing our admiration for the manner in which you handled the very difficult situation yesterday.

There are three thoughts that we would like to convey and trust that you will bear with us :-

1. Your heroism in facing the personal dangers of the moment must be recognized, appreciated and emulated by people of all stations. Surely the streets of Atlanta should be safer for all citizens because of your brave conduct. We congratulate and honor you.
2. How long can citizens suffer their duly elected officials to expend their time, energy and public funds in order to quell and attempt to satisfy a recalcitrant group, who repeatedly dedicate themselves toward negating the progress that all other citizens are striving to attain. Certainly it must be recognized that the specific conditions they protest are not the result of mistreatment, but rather are the result of the lack of initiative that has existed in their own forebears throughout recorded history.

The physical, financial and emotional burden placed upon others (of all races) is very great and somehow these people must be made to understand ----- not to be misled ----- for therein lies the great danger to our Country.

3. Of all the candidates presently projecting themselves for the Governorship of Georgia, none can approach your stature or qualifications. We have no political acumen, but we honestly

believe our State would be so much improved if, even at this late date, your name could be introduced as a Write-in Candidate. This is just a thought from we who are not politically knowledgeable, but we believe it is worthy of your consideration.

While the above expressions come on the heels of yesterday's episode, they are not quickly conceived, rather they are the result of our long observance and admiration of many of your activities even though we, frankly, have not always been in accord with you.

Respectfully yours,

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