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Mayor Ivan Allen
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Dear Ivan:

I want to congratulate you on your refusal to obey the demands made at the whim of the self-appointed Negro leader in the Kirkwood district, who claims to be a preacher, to wit, Hosea Williams. He has never been elected by the people to any office. You are the Mayor of Atlanta. If there is any discrepancy in street work, garbage collection, or sewage disposal you have the heads of departments whose duty it is to investigate these matters and in the proper time, correct them.

When Hosea Williams refuses to show the heads of city departments the reasons behind his complaints he is acting in a highly capricious and dictatorial manner.

I phoned your office once before and requested that you be told that it was my opinion that you made a mistake every time you went to a Negro mass meeting which is organized for the purpose of stating their wrath against the city government for any reason.

Any citizen should know to go to the City Hall to make his complaint and I think it humiliates you and your office when you go to a Negro YMCA, church, or school to talk to Negro or white people or Israeli, Arabs, or Egyptians about their dissatisfaction with the performance of some head of department in their community. You merely expose yourself to some smart-aleck Negro who gets up and makes a firey speech condemning you and the administration of the city government, and at such a meeting common sense and good judgment are thrown out the window.

Ivan, I was raised on the other side of the tracks, with Negroes. I have known them for over seventy years. The more you give them, the more they demand. There is no end to their wanting.

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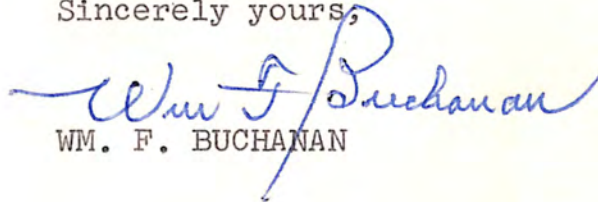
At one time they would ask, but now they simply demand or else threaten the government.

The Police Department is organized to handle these young hoodlums, and it is a mistake for you to expose yourself to these organized riots.

I once worked for the Sanitary Department; so did my father and my grandfather. Atlanta's Sanitary Department has continued, and today is giving the best service that Atlanta has received in my lifetime, and I wasn't born yesterday.

With personal regards.

Sincerely yours,



WM. F. BUCHANAN

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