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Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor  
City Hall  
68 Mitchell St., S.W.  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am a law student at Emory and have met you on several occasions in connection with my friendship with your son Inman.

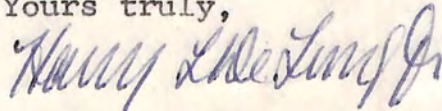
I seldom write letters to public officials, but at this time when events have been so discouraging for our city and state, I feel a duty to extend my support to you and express my confidence in your leadership.

My wife and I were visiting in New York City during the first two weeks in September. As the news of the Summerhill and Boulevard disturbances unfolded, your initiative and courage were not only reassuring but made me very proud to be able to say that I was an Atlantan.

I further believe that the nomination of Lester Maddox not only justified your subsequent statement but demanded it. It is a sad commentary on the leadership of our state that you alone had the integrity to denounce this most dangerous man.

The withdrawal of Congressman Weltner has raised the suggestion that you may seek election to this seat. In any capacity in which you decide to serve our city, my wife Jane and I extend to you our greatest respect and our willingness to contribute to your work in any way in which we are able.

Yours truly,



Harry L. DeLung, Jr.