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

Sir:

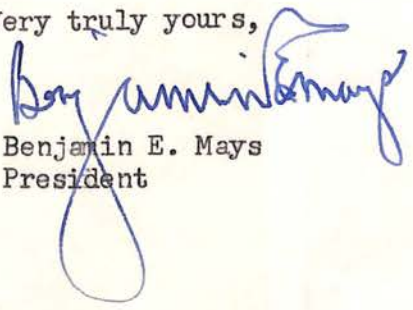
I am very glad that you testified as you did before the
Commerce Committee in Washington last week.

I am not willing to concede that your testimony in
Washington means political suicide. It may be the very thing
that will put you over in case you see fit to run for office
again. There are many white people in Atlanta who know that
you did right but do not have the courage to say so now. I
believe it will be different two years from now.

Then too the atmosphere will have so changed in the nation
and in Atlanta by 1965 that you will find your statement there
all to the good.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,


Benjamin E. Mays
President

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