

1830 Peachtree Road N. W.,
Atlanta, Georgia, 30309,
October 2, 1966.

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

If I could have my choice Mr. Maddox would not be Georgia's next Governor, but thanks to you and Ellis Arnall, I am almost certain that he will be occupying the new mansion next year. Mr. Arnall's strike below the belt gave him many thousands of votes which no doubt was responsible for his large victory in the run off, and followed by a similar blow on your part is sufficient to place him in the Governor's chair.

If I understood you correctly, you also saw fit to classify all of the people who voted for Mr. Maddox as extremist, biased and ignorant. It has in the past seemed to be very proper for a block of ignorant and biased people to vote for you. If I would hazard a guess you would have never been Mayor of Atlanta had it not been for the negro block vote, which certainly can be classed as biased if not ignorant. They may have had a perfect right to vote as they did, but this same right, without criticism, should be granted to other people.

There seems to be a great deal of criticism also about some republicans voting for Mr. Maddox. Granting this to be true, if the situation had been reversed, and these republicans had voted for Mr. Arnall would there have been much criticism by his followers-- I doubt it.

I hear a great deal these days about extremism. Just what is an extremist? An extremist seems to be a person that has views of his own and opposite to the person who yells extremist. If I remember correctly, Christ had no patience with a luke warm person or you might say a middle of the roader.

I am just an individual with no ax to grind-- just sitting on the side lines and trying to take in what transpires daily, and the above in a degree expresses my reaction.

Very sincerely,


Sidney L. Daniel.