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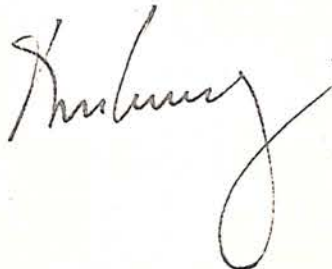
July 26, 1963

Dear Mayor Allen:

I have read with great interest the report of your testimony before the Senate Commerce Committee on the Administration's civil rights proposals. You made a number of very effective points and I believe your excellent presentation will prove to be extremely helpful. Your candid, courageous statements are, I believe, most commendable.

The leadership that has been demonstrated in Atlanta provides an encouraging model for cities throughout the United States. Under strong leadership the people of Atlanta have been able to recognize and understand a difficult, complex problem and resolve it -- at least partially -- in a direct and mature fashion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lyndon B. Johnson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia