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To the Editors: Atlanta Journal

I am not a politician - just an individual who would be interested to know if Ivan Allen's remarks concerning Mr. Lester Maddox's Democratic nomination for Governor of Georgia was made by an insane individual who because of his hate, envy and jealousy did not know what he was saying, or was he motivated into doing something desperate so he too could claim some of the limelight. On T. V. it looked like a combination of the two. Or - was it an intended insult to Mr. Maddox and the over 430,000 people of Georgia who voted for him. If this is true, then these 430,000 people should march on City Hall and "tar and feather" the great Mr. Allen. Of course, though no one wants to stoop to his level, we just consider the source and feel only pity for him.

As to his remarks that the Republicans put Mr. Maddox in, he couldn't be more wrong. This is recognized for what it is, just an attempt to take away some of the glory of the Maddox victory.

Everyone knows who and what put Ivan Allen in his seat and only a poor, misguided individual would feel complimented. Mr. Maddox could have so truthfully replied that it was Ivan Allen who was a disgrace to the State of Georgia but Mr. Maddox is too much of a Christian gentleman to do so.

Thank you for your help in giving Mr. Maddox his victory
(also Ivan Allen by your persecution of the man. I truly
hope neither Ivan Allen or the Atlanta papers will endorse
Mr. Maddox or Mr. Calloway because they are both nice people
and do not deserve such a stigma.

Mr. C. N. Lister

cc: Mr. Lester Maddox

cc: Ivan Allen