Dear Mr. Mayor:

Because I am sure you have received a number of letters criticizing you for your forthright statements against Maddox, I want to send my earnest respects to a man who had the courage to spell out bluntly to we Georgians the mess in which we find ourselves. If more politicians were like you and Mr. Weltner, how much better off would our country be!

And while I am at it, let me praise you for your courage during the riots. I hold my head higher because Atlanta has a mayor of your caliber.

A grieving Georgian