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

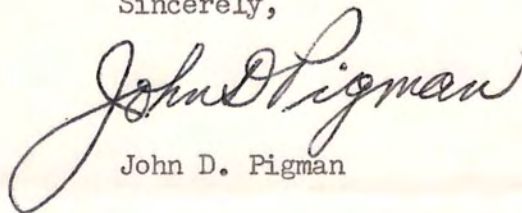
Dear Mayor Allen:

You demonstrated that you were a man of level-headed courage by your actions during the recent racial riots in Atlanta. Your public reaction to Lester Maddox's primary runoff victory showed you to be a man of strong convictions, to have the courage to express those convictions and the guts to "call a spade a spade."

It appears that for the next four years the cards have been "stacked" against Georgia by what you so aptly described as "the duplicity of Republican voters," and that the choice facing us in the November 8 election is merely that of selecting the lesser of two evils. This being the case, I don't think any of us can afford to "go fishing" November 8 as that may just as assuredly land us in the worst possible situation as would a vote for Maddox. I know that for many of us it is a choice that sticks in the craw, but it is one that we have to face, now. (Besides, it is a secret ballot.)

I admire your stamina and willingness to stand up for what you consider to be right. Keep it up, but just a word of caution: Don't do anything rash. I believe I'd like to see you in the next gubernatorial race.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Pigman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

John D. Pigman