

Boonville, North Carolina
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Mayor Ivan Allen
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Mayor:

I deeply regret the outbreak of racial riots in Atlanta a few days ago. Although Atlanta may seem far away from North Carolina, I feel that we are all involved in the struggle for human rights.

I just want you to know that your actions in dealing with the situation in your city showed great courage and great dedication. The fact that Atlanta has had such a good record in race relations ^{in the past} is due, to a very great extent, to efforts of men like you who have such vision and such deep understanding of existing problems.

With you as leader and with Ralph McGill as editor ^{and publisher} of your great paper, I am ^{continued} sure that Atlanta will be able to set the pace for other cities to follow.

Very sincerely yours,
Mrs. Albert Martin