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August 16, 1963

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall Building  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Many months ago I wanted to sit down and write a letter of congratulations to you for having been elected Mayor of Atlanta, but one puts things off. Then as the months went by problems have been brought to mind by the integration movements and I have wanted to write a letter of congratulation because of the gracious acceptance evidently accorded all peoples in the city of Atlanta. Then I thought that this could only be due to good leadership. I knew it must be this because that is what you gave to the N.S.O.E.A. and the office supply industry in the years past, but again I failed to write this congratulatory letter.

But today I find myself in a somewhat similar position to yours, with the problems of integration thrust upon me and others as members of the Aurora Area Bi-Racial Committee. I was also an elected official in 1941, having been City Clerk until the outbreak of World War II when I enlisted and went into the Infantry. I had Negro soldiers at Annistan, Alabama, before going overseas with the Seventh Armored Division. Also, prior to World War II, I had worked with Negro gang groups through the public school system and the Y.M.C.A. here in Aurora. With this bit of background I was chosen to become a member of the Bi-Racial Committee, an appointment which I felt no one should turn down if he felt capable of dealing with this most current emergency.

Ivan, if you should have any materials which you feel would be advantageous for me to use I would appreciate your forwarding them to me. Any suggestions that you have I likewise would be thankful for. We have had meetings with the Civil Service Commission here, the retail division of the Chamber of Commerce and the personnel officers of our local area manufacturing. Meetings are scheduled with the school boards, the banks and building and loan associations for next week, and the realtors week after next. There are four Whites and four Negroes on the Commission, all of whom are level-headed.



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I have just moved into a new location and had my Grand Opening two weeks ago. I am enclosing one of my ads for your interest.

My wife and I have been very fortunate to have become eligible for a trip to Italy from Olivetti. We leave around September 15 for sixteen days and should return in time for the National Show. If you are to be there I probably will be seeing you.

If you find time to drop me a line I would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

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