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CARROLLTON, GA.

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Mr. Ivan Allen
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Sir:

I am so very disappointed in you, as I knew you in your work with Boy Scouts. My opinion of you was such a good one and I thought you to be a good Christian gentleman. I think your work would be harmful to Boy Scouts now.

To my knowledge, I have never met nor seen Mr. Lester Maddox. I heard part of his speech over WSB, Tuesday before election. I am sure you heard him or knew what he said.

I have talked to a number of people today. Some of them are as fine Christian people as I've ever known. After hearing you, these people all say they will endorse what Lester Maddox said.

One Christian lady told me that she and her husband were at a ball game in Atlanta several nights ago. Two men and a woman on seat behind them were drinking with rowdy disturbance. She said they could not enjoy the game, as well as other people who were seated around them. The woman who sat between the two men went to the rest room. While **she** was gone the men planned some lies to tell their wives. These men were bragging of their family and professional standing. One of the men was an eye specialist.

Another patient from Bowdon was in my office today and said almost the same thing happened to he and his wife except the party was in front of them. I heard a salesman who lives in Atlanta tell a group in my office a few weeks ago that he personally knew Mr. Maddox and that he was one of the finest Christian gentlemen he knew and that Mr. Maddox would get down any time to help an unfortunate up.

I wish you could visit the Carroll County Prison with me and see the results of what has happened to homes as a result of wrong leadership.

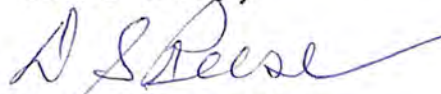
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Do you consider it honorable to endorse what is going on there? Are you proud of what you said about the good people who voted for Lester Maddox.

I don't think you and the Atlanta papers have any right to call the one third million good people who voted for Mr. Maddox such low types as you are doing.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "D.S. Reese". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

D.S. Reese, M.D.

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