

Memphis, Tennessee.

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Hon. Ivan Allen,  
Mayor, City of Atlanta,  
Atlanta, Georgia.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Ordinarily, it has never been my practice to meddle in the politics of other states, but since your anti-Maddux statement was given national publicity tonight, this will be an exception.

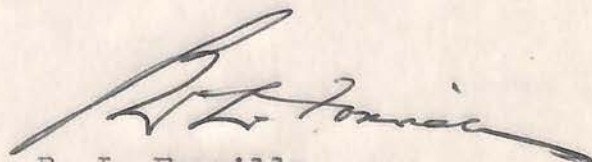
You indicate that Mr. Maddux is incompetent for the governship. By what standard do you make this appraisal? Perhaps someone like yourself, one with strong appeals for the demagog and irresponsible and quite willing to sacrifice our American heritage and future wellbeing for momentary political establishment. I'll grant that Mr. Maddux is not the possessor of such qualities, but having heard him speak in Memphis, I do know that he has good common horse-sense. Like the Mohican Indian, this is a lost quality which disappeared with the advent of modern politicians, along with sanity and reason. You refer to "moderation" as being espoused by the founding fathers. If by "moderation" is meant its modern interpretation, then perhaps you should review your history. But maybe your statement will pick up negro votes.

The reply of Mr. Maddux to your statement was unique and, most likely, correct. Indeed, your statement did sound like something handed you by the reverend martin luther king. This too, will pick up a lot of negro votes, and maybe another picture in the "Constitution."

Yes, I saw you on television during the Atlanta riot. You were a most pitiful sight running around and jumping on cars while trying to reason with mobs of black apes, who had taken over the streets and destroying everything in sight. And to think, Atlanta was the model city where the negro was granted every wish. But the sands of time are running out with definite signs pointing to the of control by the irresponsible 10%.

Incidentally, what were your official views on Representative Bond's anti-American statements which led to his impeachment?

Very truly yours,



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