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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

I never expected to be writing a letter of commendation to the mayor of a Southern city - or any city - but a story by Jack Nelson in the Los Angeles Times, Sept. 9th, in which he quotes you on such subjects as the civil rights bill, segregation, and personal inconvenience vs. justice, has prompted me to write and tell you how your rational thinking has changed my opinion of a part of the South. My unfortunate mental image of the South, which I have never visited, is a melange of

share croppers, KKK costumes, gross sheriffs laughing at demonstrators, and a general population protesting any effort to rock the boat.

All of a sudden the city of Atlanta stands out as a bright spot with a mayor who has a conscience and is willing to follow it. How sure it's been difficult many times.

I will be looking forward to reading about your and Atlanta's progress. I suspect, from the forthright and compassionate way in which you speak, that you would make a far better mayor of Los Angeles than the one we have.

Respectfully,
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(Mrs. Henry J. Reuchman)