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September 30, 1966

Mr. Ivan Allen
Mayor, Atlanta, Georgia
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I have never in my life agreed with anything that Martin Luther King said, but he was certainly eminently correct night before last when he stated that "Georgia is a sick state". He was absolutely correct about this, because:

- 1) He is sick of the Mayor of Atlanta and in spite of all he has done for the Negroes, and says so publicly.
- 2) He is sick of Atlanta newspapers, for though they have prostrated themselves for the Negroes in Atlanta, he wants them to do more.
- 3) He is sick of Governor Arnall, because he tried to stand in the middle of the road and it is a well known fact that in South Georgia they voted against Arnall.
- 4) They are sick of the poverty program because it hasn't given them a lot, house, furniture and farm, to each and every Negro family in Georgia.
- 5) They are sick of Lyndon Johnson and the whole shebang because they have given them only a little more than three billion dollars to sit around Harlam and the West and loaf.

There was a great deal of sympathy during your most recent riot but unless I am badly mistaken you took an oath to support the Democratic Nominee, as you are an office holder under the Democratic Party. We are not surprised at the Congressman, because he is absolutely beholden to the Negroes of Fulton County for electing him.

I knew you and your father many years ago, having lived in Atlanta, and I always regarded him as a very high type honorable gentleman. If you go back on your oath to support the Democratic Nominee I would bet my right arm that Lester Maddox

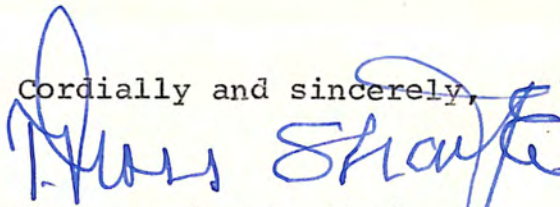
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will beat "Bo" Calloway by the largest majority of any campaign in Georgia.

Though these matters are simple, I thought I would call them to your attention that you may give careful consideration to them, and Georgia will be waiting for your announcement as to whom you are going to support.

Wishing you success, I am

Cordially and sincerely,



T. Ross Sharpe, Chairman
Toombs County Democratic
Executive Committee

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cc: Honorable Lester Maddox

Honorable Ray Harris

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