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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

BILL C. WAINWRIGHT  
PRESIDENT

September 13, 1966

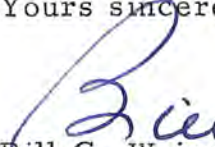
The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

Certainly the citizens of Atlanta are proud that you are our Mayor. I have personally heard hundreds express admiration for your performance beyond the call of duty during the past few days. I have heard some who frankly stated they had never voted for you but that if they ever have another opportunity, they will do so.

I am partially aware of the magnitude of problems we face today, and certainly admire the way you have gone about meeting these problems. If there is any way I may be of help to you, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

  
Bill C. Wainwright

BCW:o

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September 12, 1966

G. ALBERT LAWTON  
PRESIDENT

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Ivan:

Sincere congratulations on your truly brave  
handling of the recent riots.

You deserve the utmost credit. I am sure you  
have the complete and unreserved backing of all  
of the sensible people in Atlanta -- white and  
colored and throughout a much wider area, probably  
nationwide.

Sincerely,



GAL:cc



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707 TURNER-McCALL BOULEVARD  
ROME, GEORGIA 30161

Sept 8, 1966

The Honorable Mayor of Atlanta Ga.  
Ivan Allen Jr.

Please accept my congratulations,  
for the courageous way you handled  
the extremely difficult situation in  
Atlanta Tuesday Nite.

All Georgians, I am sure who love  
the welfare of Citizens <sup>at heart</sup> and desire for  
human rights will be proud of your actions.

May God grant you many years of  
strength, so that Atlanta and Georgia  
can go forward to greater achievements  
under your fine leadership.

Sincerely

Henry C. Walden  
3282 Briarcliff Rd. S.E. 434329  
Atlanta Ga.

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JOHN A. SIBLEY  
ATLANTA

September 9, 1966

PERSONAL

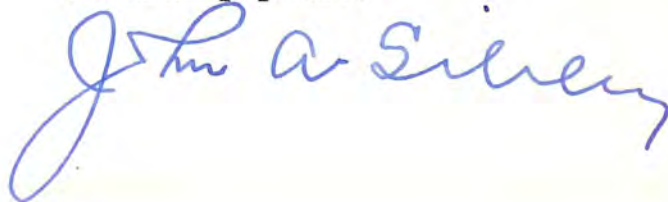
Dear Mr. Mayor:

The late Mr. Jack Spalding often made the remark that "blood counts". He applied this to race horses as well as to men. Your courageous leadership and action during the recent riot again evidences the truth of that statement.

When you met the rioters face to face and challenged their authority by saying " I am the boss here", you set a standard that reflects great credit upon you and your city and which will do much to put an end to the organized lawlessness that is so prevalent on the streets of our cities. You gave the law enforcement officers a type of support they deserve and needed and you gave to your citizens renewed confidence in your splendid leadership.

With kind regards and good wishes.

Cordially yours,



Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.,  
Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

SIDNEY Q. JANUS, PH. D.  
CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST  
FIRST NATIONAL - NORTH AVENUE BUILDING  
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September 17, 1966

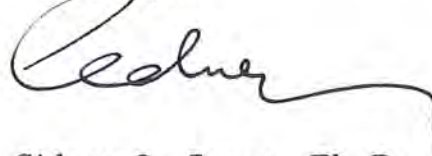
Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Leah and I wish to express to you our strong conviction of the exemplary manner in which you have guided Atlanta's destiny in the past few trying days.

We thought we should go on record as two appreciative citizens.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Janus', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Sidney Q. Janus, Ph.D.

SQJ:mm

**MEAD PACKAGING** ATLANTA, GEORGIA

ARTHUR L. HARRIS  
VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR  
THE MEAD CORPORATION

September 14, 1966

PERSONAL

Dear Ivan:

I can well understand the portent of the telephone conversation with your secretary to the effect that under the existing conditions you do not feel free to be away from Atlanta the distance of an ocean and therefore probably will not be accompanying us for our opening in Holland. My disappointment is a minor matter by comparison to the seriousness of the problems that you are facing and the gravity of your responsibilities.

Nevertheless, I am maintaining your reservations, both airplane and hotel, so that if by some good miracle everything has quieted down, you can still go along with us at the last minute.

It would be very remiss on my part not to tell you that you have my wholehearted sympathy in the trials that you are undergoing and the support of everyone that I have talked to, not the least of which is the support of the writer. If there is anything that I can do to make life easier, please let me know. I will be leaving here around September 29 and only feel badly that there seems to be so little that the average citizen can do at a time like this to be of assistance to you and our community.

With kindest regards,



Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

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LOUIS MONTAG  
FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 14, 1966

Dear Ivan,

This is simply to express my feeling of both admiration and appreciation in the light of your recent actions of courage and love for our city. I hope that you will not again have to expose yourself to these hazards, but commend you on all that you have done and will continue to do to make our town a better place to live in.

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed article appearing in the University of Pennsylvania Gazette, July issue. It deals with the problems of cities similar to ours and points the way towards some broad avenues of solution. Seems like everyone talks about the slums, but few people know soundly what to do about them. I am not a student of social studies, but it does seem to me that we are treating symptoms rather than diseases.

If there is any small part in this effort in which I may be helpful don't hesitate to call on me.

Best to Louise.

Cordially,  
*Louis*

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
3700 Northside Drive, N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

MRS. EDWARD M. CHAPMAN, JR.  
406 PINELAND ROAD, N.W.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30305

Wednesday, Sept 7, 1966

Dear Ivan:

As your friend, I was greatly concerned for your safety in yesterday's rioting. And as a citizen of a great city, I was ashamed that our Mayor should be subjected to such physical violence and verbal indignities.

I admire and respect you more than I can say for the courage you have displayed. If there is a way to bring respect for law and order back to Atlanta I'm sure you'll find it —

Meanwhile, take care, please. It would be a real tragedy should



you came to harm at the hands  
 of a violent mob, incited to  
 riot by rabble-rousing outsiders —  
 Atlanta needs her Mayor, and  
 her citizens need their friend —

Sincerely,

Jose Oshea Chapman

**RHODES, INC.**  
10 NORTH RHODES CENTER  
ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

CHAS. D. COLLINS  
PRESIDENT

September 7, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you in the way you conducted yourself during the trouble yesterday afternoon. It really took intestinal fortitude to do what you did and want you to know we are all pulling for you and hope that you will not have any recurrences and trouble as you did yesterday.

Sincerely,

*Chas*

HAMILTON LOKEY  
CITIZENS & SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
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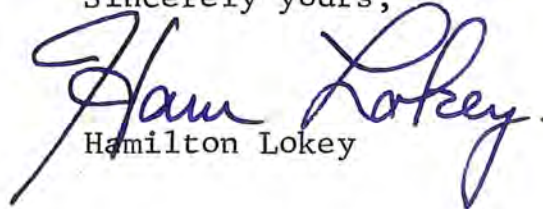
September 7, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor, City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Muriel and I want you to know how proud we are of the way you handled a very difficult and trying situation yesterday. Your personal courage, your good judgment and your intelligent approach to the matter reflect great credit, not only upon our city but upon you personally. I didn't think it was possible for you to stand higher in my estimation than you had prior to yesterday, but this morning you are nine feet tall. I am proud to call you my Mayor and my long time personal friend.

Sincerely yours,

  
Hamilton Lokey

HL:tb



Mrs. Hayden C. Jones Jr.

3010 Argonne Dr. N. W.

Atlanta, Ga.

September 8, 1966.

Dear Ivan,

Too often are mine the sins of omission and the kind word or the encouragement goes unsaid. But I cannot fail to tell you of my admiration for the way you handled the difficult and dangerous racial situation in Atlanta this week. It has been our experience many times to feel pride in your accomplishments, for they have been many and varied, but this was different - frightening. You displayed wisdom, courage and courtesy in an unbelievable situation. As a citizen and a friend I am deeply proud of you.

Sincerely,  
Sue

I. T. COHEN  
1320 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 7, 1966

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I admire your courage and your fortitude.  
You are a great man.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely, your friend

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be "I.T. Cohen", written in a cursive style.

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia



3863 Lake Forrest Drive  
Atlanta, Georgia  
September 6, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am proud, as a citizen of Atlanta, of your personal courage and action today. It appears not only to be a "hot day" but rather a power struggle between Black Power or wavering black power forces with responsible black and white citizens in between.

I applaud your courage and you have my support in what methods possible to discourage the irresponsible climate, and to encourage responsible citizens to help this wavering black power element realize that the only true progress for this city, and as a result its citizens, can be achieved through responsible leadership and law and order for its citizens.

I was proud of you tonight, and of the Atlanta Police Department - those men, both black and white who were in the midst of a mob.

Yours truly,

*Roland B. Anderson*

Roland B. Anderson

11PM - Sep 6th



September 7, 1966

Mayer Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayer Allen,

Your example of leadership in a besieged area yesterday was most impressive to see. It was a far cry from the pictures of other mayors in troubled cities who have held themselves apart from the fray. I hope our city can find ways to meet the problems of slum-dwellers which other cities have found insurmountable thus far. If we do, it will be because of your courageous and compassionate leadership.

If you could somehow convince these people to present their grievances where there is a possibility of talking them out and acting upon them, that would help. Maybe a meeting or clinic at the Stadium with many lawyers and social workers and ministers to talk with people who have problems and constructive suggestions could be a start. I only know that some kind of creative tackling of the problems of the cities will enable America to continue.

I wish there were middle-class housing and excellent schools available in the center of the city so that concerned people could move back into the city with their families to be part of the voting, tax-paying base.

Perhaps community organizations of deprived citizens would help them feel a greater part of their city. Maybe we need a Saul Alinsky to take the spotlight off of the violent-type organizers.

Thank you for your leadership and vision. If you can think of ways that concerned citizens can help, please call on me.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Gene G. Clement  
2014 Tall Tree Dr., NE  
Atlanta, Ga., 30324  
(237-0671)

JAMES C. H. ANDERSON

1593 MASON MILL ROAD, N. E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30306

September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta  
Georgia

Dear Ivan:

In the events of last evening, Atlanta joined its several sister cities which have been scarred this summer by violent, race-related demonstrations but its experience was greatly mitigated by your forthright action and true heroism in meeting those events. I must convey my sincerest admiration for your personal bravery in assuming direct responsibility on the scene and in exposing yourself to the very real threat of personal injury. Even more so, I must express my appreciation as a citizen — and I am sure it is shared by most Atlanta citizens of both races — for your devotion to the principles of community brotherhood and order which have so long been characteristic of our city and its government.

Please be assured of my continued confidence and support in your efforts to deal effectively with our city's problems in race relations and elsewhere (such as our Fire Department situation!). Again, I believe I speak the feeling of many of my fellow citizens in voicing my approval of your policies and actions toward furthering the progress of Atlanta.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then loops back under the main body of the signature.

JCHA:jd

MILTON WEINSTEIN  
1180 PEACHTREE STREET, N. E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA U. S. A.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
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September 8, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

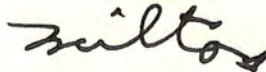
Dear Ivan:

I want to take this opportunity to express my feelings concerning your action during the recent racial disturbances. I feel that you are to be complimented on the prompt decisive and courageous manner in which you acted.

Like all other right thinking citizens, I, of course, deplore these disturbances, but I feel we are fortunate to have a man like you as Mayor. Indeed, you have certainly carried out your high office in a most commendable manner.

I simply wanted to add my congratulations and commendation to all of those I know you are receiving for a job well done in your excellent handling of a difficult situation, and wish you the very best of luck and continued success.

Sincerely,



Milton Weinstein

MW:bs



HOYT A. WIGGINS  
P. O. Box 4545  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30302

September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of Atlanta, Georgia  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mayor Allen:

As a private citizen I want to heartily commend you upon your handling of the recent emergency here in Atlanta. It is this type of firm stand that will bring order out of the present chaos and I am sure this is the feeling of many other citizens of our community.

Sincerely yours,

*H. A. Wiggins*  
H. A. Wiggins

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF ATLANTA

POST OFFICE BOX 4148

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30302

September 16, 1966

FAY E. MEWBORN

TRUST OFFICER

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

Dear Ivan:

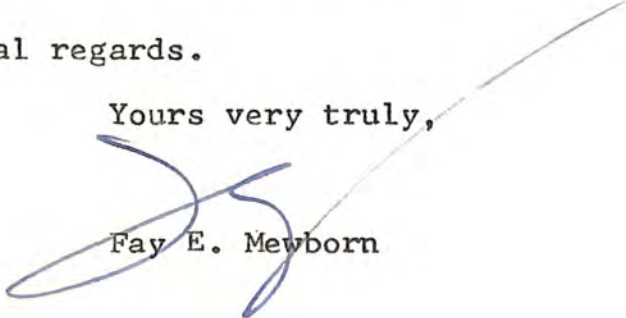
I want to be one of your many friends who are congratulating you on the manner in which you have conducted yourself during Atlanta's most crucial time in many many years.

Personally, I feel that you have shown outstanding courage and conviction at this time. I am sure that your name is being quoted in many other areas as doing an outstanding job for the city and for right.

Wanted you to know how I personally feel in this matter.

Kindest personal regards.

Yours very truly,



Fay E. Mewborn

FEM:jl

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3626 PEACHTREE ROAD, N. E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30326



WILLIAM L. SELF  
MINISTER

September 16, 1966

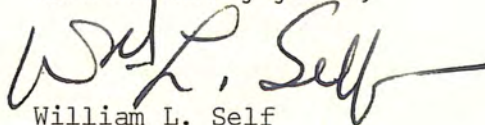
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I would like to join with countless others across our nation in commending you for your splendid leadership that you have given the city of Atlanta during the present racial crises. You can be assured of our continued prayers and support for you as you seek creative ways to restore harmony in our splendid city.

All of us deplore the rioting, murder, and chaos that has been brought to the surface in recent weeks, but it is a sense of comfort to know that the leadership of our city is entrusted to a man who is willing to find just and honorable solutions to these difficulties.

Most cordially yours,

  
William L. Self

WLS:r



ARMAND MAY  
P. O. Box 4056  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30302

September 7th  
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The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Your willingness to meet issues without regard to your well being is **certainly** an act of heroism, but it is also an act of judgment and counsel and I glory in your willingness to meet issues, four square.

The time has come when we in this country as well as throughout the world will have to realize that the liberties that were guaranteed to us are not the same as they were when the Founding Fathers wrote the Declaration of Independence, etc.

It seems to me that groups now should be represented by some head rather than mob rule and this is what we have and which is being sanctioned, directly or indirectly, by those who don't realize the consequences.

How can an individual meet mob rule when they are throwing rocks, Molotov cocktails and any other weapon at hand, without regard to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Here's an opportunity, Ivan, for you to blaze the trail.

With assurance of my high admiration, believe me always,

Sincerely,

AM:tg



ATLANTIC STEEL COMPANY

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

HOWARD B. JOHNSON  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Regardless of their political leanings, I am sure all Atlantans are today praising your courage for your participation in yesterday's activities.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

*Howard*

hbj/rb



of the people in our City.

I want to also pay respect to the police in Atlanta. Two years ago I had occasion to be involved with the courts, about 1:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning I got a call my brother had killed a man in an accident. I was so upset and more so upon learning the victim was white, I went to the ~~hospital~~ <sup>hospital</sup> very upset, and talked with an officer (negro) officer Arthur Harris by name I did not know him but I want to say he helped me more than I can ever tell, and in court there was an officer Long (white) that I feel since presented the case as it was, just a case neither black or white. I feel the judge gave justice and understanding. I have no gripe in anyway, I wish I was in a position to do something, but I am only a cook but I do want you to know that all negro's are <sup>not</sup> ignorant and unable to see things right and I think we will understand any means you have to use to stop or quiet any riots, not only understand but appreciate.

Sincerely  
668 Delbridge St. N.W. Martha Winston



Sept 7, 1966

Honorable Mayor:

I am so ashamed  
of the ugliness that has  
happened. I was disgusted  
to see my people making  
such fools of themselves.

I am and have  
been a resident of Vine City  
for 45 years and talked  
with many people and  
no one seemed in sympathy  
with the crowd. So Vine City  
is not all bad. I voted for  
you before and will vote  
for you again. You have  
represented your office with  
dignity and understanding  
and I feel for the interest  
"inside"







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ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

September 7, 1966

CONE M. MADDOX, JR.  
PRESIDENT

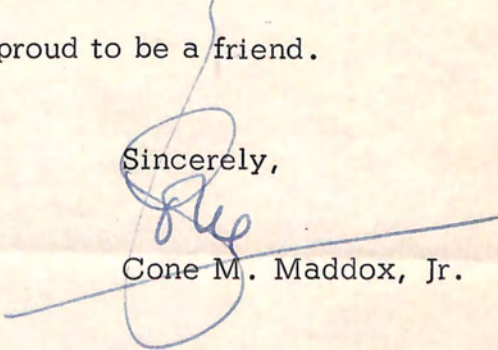
The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

You are probably aware that I have been an admirer of yours for many years; however, your masterful and courageous handling of the Capitol Avenue mob yesterday was the finest example of heroism, public service, and stewardship that I have ever known.

I am truly proud to be a friend.

Sincerely,



Cone M. Maddox, Jr.

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*The Citizens and Southern National Bank*

*Atlanta, Georgia*

MILLS B. LANE, JR.  
PRESIDENT

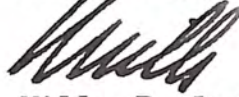
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September 8, 1966

Dear Ivan:

Mighty proud of you!

Sincerely,



Mills B. Lane, Jr.

The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 8, 1966

Dear Ivan,

As one of your long-time fans may I add my word of appreciation for your courage, intelligence, patience, and leadership during all of yesterday's unpleasantness.

I know I'm just one voice of the more than one million - but "Thank You";

Ed Edson Harrison  
Pres.  
Student of

Sincerely,

Ed

ATLANTA FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

W. O. DUVALL  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

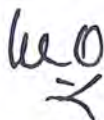
September 7, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I hasten to express my admiration for your courage and efforts in behalf of all of Atlanta during yesterday afternoon. All of us owe you a debt of gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of W. O. Duvall, consisting of the letters 'W O' stacked above a stylized 'D'.

WOD:tg



Mrs. Neil Goldsworthy

3117 Towerview Drive N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30324

September 7, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Allen:

Our whole family wishes to thank you for your bravery the past 24 hours. You exemplify the "Atlanta" feeling all of the time but yesterday I believe you made all of us especially proud of our city.

There must be many times since you became Mayor when you have been discouraged, frustrated or unhappy with various situations, times when you've wondered why you run so hard. This is to let you know that we appreciate everything you've done and I am sorry we waited for a crisis to see you so.

Sincerely  
Eleanor Goldsworthy  
(Mrs. Neil)

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My dear Mayor Allen:

You have been  
a good mayor.

In the two re-  
cent crises you have  
been magnificent!

Your Intelligence  
Integrity and Courage  
are an inspiration  
to every boy and  
man who knows you.

I send you my  
sincere respect and  
admiration.

Atlanta  
Wednesday. Sincerely  
Laura Smith Foster

FULTON INDUSTRIES, INC.

POST OFFICE BOX 1726

ATLANTA 1, GEORGIA

LEONARD BARKAN  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia


Dear Mayor Allen:

May I congratulate you on the fine manner in which you handled the unfortunate circumstances which developed in the city yesterday afternoon.

Your actions were heroic and certainly were above and beyond what might have been called for under the circumstances. It is truly representative of the leadership you have shown during your administration.

All of us are subjected to criticisms, and I am sure that in this incident, you will have your share, therefore, I just felt that a job so well done should be acknowledged.

Respectfully,



Leonard Barkan

LB/gr



**RICH'S**

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30302

LOUIS L. KENNEDY  
GENERAL MANAGER  
RICH'S NORTH DEKALB

SOUTHERN INSTITUTION Since 1867 . . . . September 7, 1966

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

Dear Mayor Allen:

After watching the television account of the riot last night, and seeing and hearing the way in which you handled the situation, I just want to let you know that I am proud to be able to say that we once worked together on a Personnel Committee at Rich's, and congratulate you on the fine way you handled yourself.

I know it took guts and a lot of courage to face what you had to face, and you probably asked yourself if being Mayor was worth it. I am sure that the people of Atlanta are as proud of you as we are, and I wish you continued success in the thankless office you hold.

Sincerely,

*Buck*

Louis L. Kennedy

LLK:da

2144 Lawrenceville Highway,  
Decatur, Georgia

JACK J. RUSHIN  
377 TECHWOOD DRIVE, N. W.  
ATLANTA 13, GEORGIA

September 16, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
68 Mitchell St. S. W.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Dear Ivan:

As I have been aware of the recent racial situation in Atlanta I first want to say that you have gone far beyond the call of duty in trying to help straighten things out. In fact, you have exposed yourself too much, even though what you have done was something that you could not avoid.

Today I was going through some old files and found the attached copy of a story in the U. S. News & World Report issue of August 19, 1963. Chances are you read about this interview when it came out.

Also attached are copies of letter to me from Senator Richard B. Russell dated August 25, 1965, letter from Senator Herman E. Talmadge dated August 27, 1965 and the Congressional Records dated August 5 and 16, 1965, numbers 143 and 150.

The negro situation is bad and may not even be straightened out but it seems to me that asking the cooperation and help of all top grade negroes, such as S. B. Fuller, might be an answer. In other words, sound thinking, educated negroes have asserted themselves in a great many instances and if a national movement could be started calling on the negro business man, educators, etc., might do a lot of good.

It is evident that Katzenbach <sup>Johnson-Humphrey and others are</sup> ~~is~~ not helping any because they certainly have a one track mind in favor of the so called down-trodden negro but if somebody in high office, a man like Senator Dirksen, could introduce a bill or do something that would appeal to outstanding negro citizens—a solution might be brought about <sup>or help to some degree —</sup>

JACK J. RUSHIN  
377 TECHWOOD DRIVE, N. W.  
ATLANTA 13, GEORGIA

Just thought I would write you this note and hope that you  
will think well of it.

Sincerely,



Jack J. Rushin

JJR/gll  
enc.



THOMPSON & HANCOCK • ARCHITECTS  
3166 MAPLE DRIVE, N.E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30305

September 7, 1966

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

We have long recognized your ability in the political and business field. It is my personal opinion that you alone have led our City in its greatest era of prosperity.

In view of the incident which occurred on September 6, it was extremely gratifying and reassuring to know that our highest elected official possessed the courage and determination that you displayed. I feel that without your personal attention, the problem could have erupted into a disaster, and I wish to thank you and commend you for your courageous action.

Respectfully,

  
Herman D. Hancock, Jr.

HDH/hc

CECIL P. FLOYD, JR.  
1948 SYLVAN CIRCLE, S. W., APT. 3  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30310

September 7, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen:

Just a note to thank you for what you did yesterday for the citizens of Atlanta and me. I appreciate it very much. I know that you went beyond the call of duty and all of Atlanta should be proud of you as I know that they are.

Thanks again, and the best to you and your family.

Very truly yours,

Cecil Floyd Jr.

The Connecticut Mutual  
Life Insurance Company



P. L. Bealy Smith, C. L. U.  
General Agent for Georgia

Suite 522 Fulton Federal Building  
Atlanta, Georgia  
JA 2-5455

His Honor - the Mayor -  
Dear Juan, -  
All Atlanta, &  
particularly me, is  
extremely proud of  
you. You have added  
great honor & stature  
to yourself & our city!  
No doubt your  
personal presence  
at the "Scene" &  
sticking with it





Calmed the Commotion  
& ugliness! Amazingly  
Much worse might  
have happened had  
you not been there!  
Yours the greatest!

Bealy

9/7/66

H O N E Y W E L L  
I N C.

FRED KAISER  
Vice President  
Southern Area

500 Plasters Avenue, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30324

September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Your courageous actions this week are to  
be complimented.

I have long been one of your admirers and  
I think you have made us a wonderful Mayor.

Yours very truly,



FK:n

# Guaranty Title Insurance Company

LOBBY, BANK OF GEORGIA BUILDING

Atlanta 3, Georgia

September 12, 1966

TRAMMELL MCINTYRE  
VICE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I know that you have received many messages commending you for the courage and determination that you have shown in handling the racial disturbances in the last few days, and I would like to add mine to the list. Not many people could have demonstrated this type of courage and determination but to me, your restraint under such circumstances was just wonderful.

If there is anything that an ordinary citizen can do to help you please let me know.

With best personal regards and admiration, I am

Very truly yours,



Trammell McIntyre

TMcl/fm



JAMES S. BRIGGS  
3459 Stratford Rd., N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia  
September 11, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Sir:

The Atlanta Constitution of Saturday, September 10, 1966 carried an article about the recent riot and included portions of a letter addressed to you by 14 organizations stating that, in essence, the community consensus ought not to become arrayed against certain individuals and organizations as a substitute for relieving the slum conditions which brought about the riots.

It is a complete perversion and distortion of facts for these 14 pressure groups to take the position that slum conditions caused the riots and none can know better than you who were there what caused the riots. Although not represented by any group or organization but one who continues to believe in a government of laws let me commend you for your statement that these instigators of violence be judged by our courts as law-breakers not urban reformists.

The peace and tranquillity of our citizens take precedence over reform and each should take its place before the bar. If violence, riot and insurrection are excuseable and are supported by the specious reasoning of self-appointed, not elected, organizations then to whom and to what agency can the isolated citizen look for protection? If a government of laws cannot be depended upon to preserve the peace and tranquillity of the community then one must question its responsibility and a government without responsibility does not deserve the support of its citizens. This, then, is anarchy.

My family of 5 joins me in thanking you for your ceurageous actions udring the riot.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Briggs



MAX ALTERMAN  
Vice President

September 9, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
68 Mitchell St., S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

I find that I must take this time from a busy schedule to tell you how proud I, my family and my friends were of you on the occasion of Atlanta's recent troubles.

Mr. Mayor, your display of courage and restraint were in the highest "American Tradition". All Atlanta is proud of you in these troubled times and wish you every success in steering this great city down the road to understanding and prosperity.

If I, or any of my associates, here at Big Apple can ever be of any assistance to you, we would consider it not only a pleasure, but also a privilege to help.

Most sincerely,

ALTERMAN FOODS, INC.

Max Alterman,  
Vice President

MA:jc



BEVEL JONES, PASTOR

## ST. MARK METHODIST CHURCH

PEACHTREE AT FIFTH STREET, N. E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30308

September 9, 1966

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

Dear Ivan:

Swamped as you are with mail, I just couldn't let the recent racial incident pass without putting in my word of personal commendation for your courage -- both physical and moral -- in dealing forthrightly and constructively with a situation, which, without your decisive and capable leadership could have been quite disastrous and militated against the fine atmosphere of race relations that prevails in our great city. You have my prayers and offer of help in any way possible as you seek to lead Atlanta forward.

Sincerely your friend,

Bevel Jones



WALLACE H. STEWART  
1439 PEACHTREE STREET, N. E.  
ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

9/7/66

Dear Mayor Allen,

We are all mighty proud  
of the manner in which you  
have handled our cities recent  
difficulties.

As an interested citizen  
I can assure you of my  
continued support and  
appreciation for the job you  
handle in such a statesman like  
manner.

My best to you and your  
staff.

Sincerely,  
Wally

JOHN C. STATON

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

September 8, 1966

Dear Ivan:

You're my man --- all the way!

Your example of courage, dignity and restraint the other day might well be a model for every public official throughout the land.

Your determination to stand firm when firmness was indicated, with no compromise on the basic principles, should be a rallying point for all who respect the law.

A salute to you as an outstanding public official and my warmest praise to you as a friend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John C. Staton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning.

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Office of the Mayor  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

HUGH DAVIS CARTER, JR.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

11 Marietta St. SW

September 7, 1966

Dear Ivan,

I just want to compliment you on the splendid manner in which you handled the disturbance yesterday. It is indeed unfortunate that we have to experience occurrences of this kind but it is always gratifying to know that it is in your good hands.

Sincerely,



Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia



RABBI JACOB M. ROTHSCHILD, D.D.  
1589 PEACHTREE ROAD, N. W.  
ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

September 8, 1966

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

Dear Ivan:

May I add my words of praise and pride to the many you have already received for your words and deeds during the unpleasantness a few days ago. The courage you displayed in mingling with the mob and making yourself a target for possible violence to your person won the respect and admiration of every decent citizen of Atlanta. Even more significant, it seems to me, was your recognition of the fact that although justifiable grievances may be present among the people of the areas of our inner-city that those who were involved in the incident do not truly represent the citizens of Atlanta - negro or white. Your calm and reasonableness, your refusal to answer hate with hate or violence with violence served, it seems to me, as a steadying influence without which the incident might have become much more serious.

As one who has been vitally concerned with the problem of good racial relations here in Atlanta, as well as one sympathetic to the needs, desires and frustrations of the Negro community, I simply want you to know how proud I am of you and to assure you that you may count on my continued support any way that you may see fit to use it.

Janice joins me in these sentiments and together we extend our warmest personal greetings and good wishes for your continued successful leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Jack

JMR:bs



ADMIRALS of the FLAGSHIP FLEET

Sept 8, 1964

Dear Ivan -

The events of the past  
two days make me prouder than  
ever to be a member of your staff.

To paraphrase the Apostle  
Paul I am proud to tell all the  
world that I am a citizen of  
Atlanta - no mean city - led  
by a man who is no mean  
Mayor -

Again, to employ a well  
but very true saying - "Deeds  
speak louder than words", especially  
when the deeds glisten with  
the blinding brilliance of  
Sheel Bradley -

Bill Hawkins

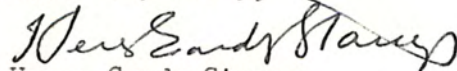
CAFETERIA FACILITY  
STATE OFFICE BUILDING AUTHORITY  
648 STATE OFFICE BLDG.  
ATLANTA 3, GA.

September 9, 1966

Dear Mayor Allen:

This is just a note to let you know someone  
in Atlanta liked the action you taken Tuesday, with people  
like you I admire:

Yours very truly,

  
Henry Grady Stamps



# MARSH & McLENNAN

INCORPORATED

1201 PEACHTREE CENTER TOWER

230 PEACHTREE STREET, N. W.

ATLANTA 30302

FRANK RIDLEY  
VICE PRESIDENT

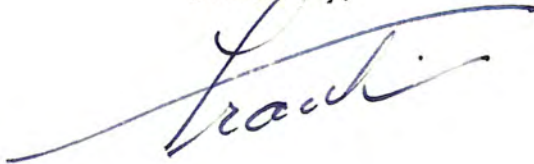
September 9, 1966

Dear Ivan:

I have been traveling all week and just returned to town.

Just a note to tell you I am mighty proud of you, and that people in Jacksonville, Brunswick, Savannah and other towns I visited share my admiration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Frank", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right across the signature.

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

BENJAMIN H. OEHLERT, JR.

P. O. DRAWER 1734  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30301

September 9, 1966

The Honorable  
Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Your courage and determination literally electrified the nation as evidenced, among many other things, by the attached editorial and cartoon from last night's Washington Star.

As I said in my telephone message from Washington Wednesday morning, if there is any way at all that I can be helpful to you in this or any other problems, it would be a privilege to have you call on me.

With warmest regards, I am

Sincerely,



BHO:s

Friday March

Dear Mr Mayor;

Stand up and take a bow  
your Honor!! - In fact  
take two! - I am proud of  
my City, Atlanta - and I  
am very proud of our  
Mayor. I think you showed  
great Courage - along with  
our Police Department. I  
live in DeKalb County but  
I consider Atlanta my home.

The whole nation is a  
better place to live today  
because of men like you.

Thank you Sir and take another  
bow! Sincerely,  
Mrs James (Daw) De Se  
578 Rosemont Dr SE



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THEODORE C. LEVITAS, D. D. S.  
SUITE 131, THE BAPTIST PROFESSIONAL BUILDING  
340 BOULEVARD, N. E. ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30312

PRACTICE LIMITED TO DENTISTRY FOR CHILDREN

The Tenth of September  
1966

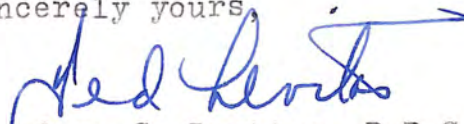
The Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

My family and I would like to thank you for your courage, your steadfastness and your determination to keep Atlanta the great city it is.

Congratulations. We—and others—stand behind you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ted Levitas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Theodore C. Levitas, D.D.S.

TCL:po

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500 PLASAMOUR DRIVE, N. E., ATLANTA 24, GEORGIA

JOHN D. THORNTON  
PRESIDENT

September 14, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

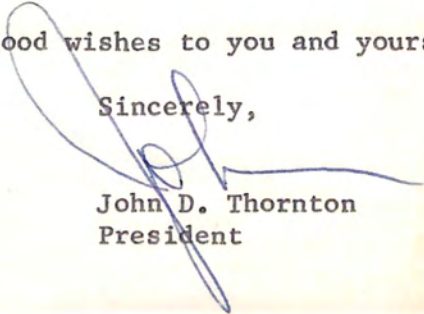
Dear Mayor Allen:

I've been thinking lately how fortunate we are to have you as our Mayor and what outstanding accomplishments you have achieved in that position, particularly under current conditions of the firemen's strike and race riots. Another thought occurred to me - "why not tell him so".

That is the purpose of this letter.

With all good wishes to you and yours,

Sincerely,



John D. Thornton  
President

JDT:k



2045 FAIRHAVEN CIRCLE, N. E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30305

September 17, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen,

Words cannot express my gratitude for your outstanding leadership and courage shown to us citizens on Tuesday evening. Atlantans have always been proud of their city's progress - and yet, the events of Tuesday evening showed us something that we all have possibly taken for granted. We citizens suddenly realized what an outstanding mayor we have - there are few men in your position who would have taken such great risks for his city.

Please be assured you will always have total support from the responsible people of Atlanta - we consider ourselves very fortunate people to be under your leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Daniel J. O'Connor, Jr.

ROBERT C. ALSTON  
97 TENTH STREET, N. W.  
ATLANTA, GA. 30309

September 7, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

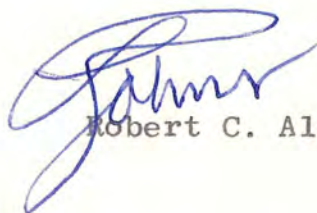
Dear Ivan:

I want to commend you for your efforts yesterday on behalf of the people of our city. A disturbance which could have erupted into something much worse was held to a minimum, I feel, because of the outstanding job done by you, personally, and by our Police Department. Might I say, also, that the dignity with which you handled the situation would make anyone proud to be a citizen of Atlanta.

I personally want to urge you to continue your efforts to quell incidents of civil disobedience such as this.

Again, thank you for a job well done.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Alston

RCA:T

THE ROBERTS MEMORIAL CLINIC

768 JUNIPER STREET, N. E.

ATLANTA, GA.

30308

September 7, 1966

VERNON E. POWELL, M. D.  
E. VAN BUREN, M. D.  
BYRON J. HOFFMAN, M. D.  
JOHN DE R. SLADE, M. D.  
JAMES K. VAN BUREN, M. D.

Mayor Ivan Allen,  
City Hall,  
Atlanta, Georgia

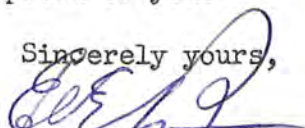
Dear Major Allen:

Let me take this opportunity to tell you how proud Atlanta, Georgia, and the entire nation should be of you for what you did last night.

Your poise in the presence of great danger was a great inspiration and makes us all very happy to know that the leadership in Atlanta is captained by one of your caliber.

My congratulations. I am proud of you!

Sincerely yours,



E. Van Buren, M.D.

EVB:C



ADAMS-CATES COMPANY  
P. O. BOX 861  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30301

THOMAS V. CAUBLE  
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

September 8th  
1966

Dear Ivan:

I was out of town when the trouble developed Tuesday and would like to congratulate you on your expert handling of a difficult situation.

I was in Montreal last week. The people there are surprisingly well-informed about Atlanta. They say their city and ours are great because they have great Mayors. Theirs, whom you may know, is Jean Drapeau.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tom', written in dark ink.

The Hon. Ivan Allen  
Mayor, City of Atlanta  
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

135 LITTLE JOHN TRAIL, N. E.  
ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

September 14, 1966

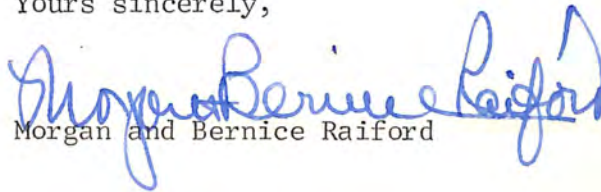
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Our entire family wishes to thank you for the courageous and forthright manner in which you have led the city, collectively and personally, in counteracting the riotous behavior of these irresponsible individuals. Apparently this organization wants all the opportunities and benefits of work without producing a thing, other than destroying what so many of us have worked years to create.

If there is anything that we can do to help you in any manner, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

  
Morgan and Bernice Raiford

MBR/hk

ROBERT AND COMPANY ASSOCIATES

Architects and Engineers

96 POPLAR ST., ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303

Sept. 8, 1966

Dear Ivan:

Congratulations on your masterful handling of a potentially explosive situation. In my opinion you have been confronted with more nasty and serious problems during your term in office than any other Atlanta Mayor in recent years and you have handled them all in a most commendable manner.

As I said when you were first elected, the people of Atlanta are damn lucky to have you for their mayor.

Sincere good wishes for your continued success.

Joe Signaux



SAM ADAMS DORSEY

1801 PEACHTREE ROAD, N. E.

ATLANTA 9, GEORGIA

September 9, 1966

Dear Ivan,

When I passed the time of day with you on the C & S corner the other day, I never dreamed you would be embroiled in a riot in Atlanta that afternoon.

An angry mob, incited as they were, is very terrifying and it did take great courage for you voluntarily to engage personally in quelling it. The purpose of this letter is simply to let you know that I am proud of you and proud to know you. Ivan, you get lots of advice and suggestions from everybody, most all of whom are much smarter and better informed than I am. Some fifteen years ago when you considered running for governor, I did suggest that it was a mistake to stand "four square on the county unit system".

Now I can't refrain from suggesting that it is a mistake to try to prosecute Carmichael and "put him away" for a number of years. At this time you are riding the crest of the wave. The negroes themselves are undercutting Carmichael. Every time he opens his mouth you go further ahead and he loses more. Everythink is going for you. I would surmise that the case against Carmichael is, to say the least, nebulous but win or lose the case, prosecuting him is, I believe, bound to bring some sympathy. Why make a martyr out of him? Someone else will take his place and jailing him won't really resolve the big issue. This is really not intended as advice but simply my reaction as an admittedly uninformed and unofficial observer.

~~What a pity for talking so much~~

You are a great man.

Best regards,

*Sam*

P.S. Perhaps you had nothing to do with the decision to arrest Carmichael - ?? I talk too much - S.A.D.

KATE F. EDWARDS  
THE DARLINGTON, APARTMENT 1105  
2025 PEACHTREE ROAD, N.E.  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30309

Mr. Joan Allen, Jr.  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

This is from one of the countless Atlantans who would like to express their pride in the courage and judgment with which you handled the riot. I have hesitated to write - tried to telephone Louise but felt hesitant about that - thinking how deluged you and she would be with letters and telephone calls. But my feeling is too strong for silence.

We are very proud. Of course the riot is the subject of much talk - everywhere vast admiration is expressed for you.

Sincerely  
Kate Edwards

September 9, 1966



**JAMES PAIR PERSONNEL SERVICE, INC.**

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 9, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor, City of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

Just a brief personal note to tell you how much we respect and admire you for your handling of some very difficult problems just recently. In my opinion, there are very few men who have the ability, courage, wisdom, and strength to perform as magnificently as you did.

We are indebted to you, and please accept my expression of gratitude and sincere appreciation. With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

James H. Pair

JHP/adb



AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE

DECATUR, GEORGIA 30030

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 9, 1966

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Ivan:

This brief note is written to tell you that Madelaine and I have been very proud of you throughout your term of service, but never more so than lately. Your strength and fairness during the firemen's strikes and your magnificent courage in the racial difficulty have given tone to the whole community. Be assured that we think Atlanta has a great mayor!

It is with a sense of pride that we claim you, not only as our friend but as a valued trustee of Agnes Scott.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,



Wallace M. Alston

WMA:bb

Cokesbury Methodist Church

1146 SHERIDAN ROAD, N. E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30324

ALLEN T. NEWBY  
MINISTER

September 9, 1966

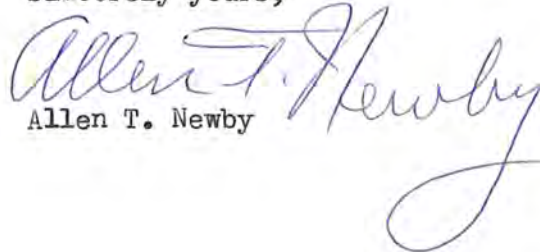
Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

I want to join other citizens of the metropolitan area in thanking you for the great courage and restraint you have demonstrated in handling the racial difficulties in Atlanta this week. None of us can possibly estimate the contribution you have made and are making to the peace and safety of all of us. You have set an example for those in high office all over this nation.

May God continue to bless you as you face the difficult days ahead.

Sincerely yours,

  
Allen T. Newby

ATN/db

2317 Shasta Way, N. E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30329  
September 9, 1966

Dear Mr. Mayor:

You have made me and all of your friends extremely proud of the masterful way in which you have handled our recent racial troubles.

Especially do I admire your fortitude in personally involving yourself in the disturbance and even more especially for the action which you took against the leader of this plot.

You continue to have my every good wish as you so ably carry out the duties of your office.

Sincerely and cordially,



Irwin A. Webb

Mayor Ivan Allen  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia



RICHARD C. FREEMAN  
1116 FIRST NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

Sept. 8, 1966

Dear Charles Leader —

Another note to add to your  
many others and to thank you and  
commend you for the fine and  
emazens leadership you displayed  
Tursday afternoon and evening —

I'm proud of you and our  
Police Department — and I'm really  
proud to have you as my leader.

Gratefully —

Richard —

Mr. Ivan Allen, Jr.  
City Hall — Atlanta

GEORGE E. GILL  
924 WOODLAND AVENUE, S. E.  
ATLANTA 16, GEORGIA



September 8, 1966

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of Atlanta  
Georgia

My dear Mayor Allen:

Congratulations on the rare personal courage which you displayed during the race riot last Tuesday. Your conduct during this crisis certainly serves as an inspiration to all Atlanta's citizens and especially to the leadership and law enforcement groups. At such a dangerous time we are most fortunate to have a mayor who is not afraid, and I am proud of you.

Sincerely yours,

*George Gill*

GEG/mfw

G. MAYNARD SMITH  
FULTON NATIONAL BANK BUILDING  
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA

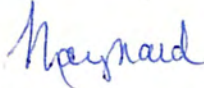
September 9, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen  
Mayor  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ivan:

I have never been prouder of you and Atlanta than during the last week. Your handling of the problem was magnificent statesmanlike. You're a credit to your family, your friends and all of Atlanta.

Sincerely,



Maynard



9-11-66

Dear Mr. Allen,

Just a few minutes ago I read Paul Hemphill's column in the Sunday Journal-Constitution. He said that a school on Capitol Avenue which was built for 500 to 600 pupils now has 1300 pupils in triple sessions. This situation is nothing short of terrible. Can't something be done?

I live in Hapeville, not Atlanta. The citizens of Hapeville share Atlanta's problems too, and would like to see them resolved as much as anyone else. I certainly hope that Atlanta does not become another Los Angeles or New York, because when I go outside the state, I say I'm from Atlanta; but if Atlanta becomes hatred and violence torn, I could not do this anymore. You have done much more in the past week than was your duty to do and should be congratulated. Let's pray that your efforts and those of all level headed Americans are not fruitless.

When are the firemen going to get their jobs back? People aren't going to work for nothing anymore.

Respectfully,  
Mike Wilder  
Ga. Feck Box 34707