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COMMUNITY RELATIONS SERVICE
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Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

I regret that I did not have an opportunity to meet you while visiting with the staff and members of the Community Relations Commission.

It was my good fortune to spend some time with Mrs. Elize Paschall. You are to be commended for the appointment of one of the most committed, concerned, and prepared Executive Directors I have ever had the pleasure of working with. Regardless of the cramped and uncomfortable quarters she is using, people with problems are constantly calling the commission office or visiting the commission office seeking help. The Director spends most of her time on the job trying to provide an avenue of understanding so that people may live and work together in racial harmony throughout the city.

I hope that you will look favorably at the need for additional staff to help Mrs. Paschall expand the service of the Commission. It is not often that I have observed a Director who does so much with so little.

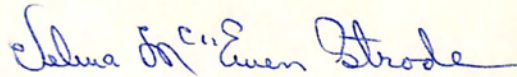
It was my pleasure to spend some time with members of the Commission, and I am sure the kind of dedication each one has will provide Atlanta with the best and the most effective Community Relations Commission in the nation.

I hope that if I have an opportunity to return to your fair city, it will be my pleasure to meet with you. Again, my visit to Atlanta has been one of the high points in my 2½ years working as the Local Liaison Officer of the Community Relations Service.

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If at any time the Community Relations Service can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Velma McEwen Strode". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "V".

(Mrs.) Velma McEwen Strode
Local Government Liaison Officer

cc: Mr. Ivan Kaler, Chairman
Community Relations Commission