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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

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