

P.O. Box 432
Alexander City, Ala. 35010
September 9, 1966.

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

Dear Mayor:

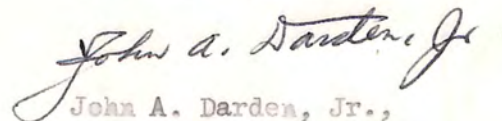
I have been reading of your difficulties with the negroes in your city in recent days. Perhaps now you will be able to understand what other cities have had to contend with not only in the South but the entire United States.

Since you were elected to the office of Mayor, I have read many statements you made to the press regarding the racial situation in Atlanta and, of course, they were liberal in line with your personal viewpoint.

It is regrettable that many officials holding high offices have condoned the wanton acts of negro demonstrators and professional agitators during the past few years. I feel confident that your recent riots in Atlanta has shown you that the negro cannot be satisfied. The more you give him, the more he wants or will try to take with no consideration of the laws of our cities or States.

Although I have differed with you on many of your statements to the press, I do sincerely hope that you will not "back down" in your present stand against the SNICK outfit who shout "Black Power" and "White Devil" so often.

Yours very truly,


John A. Darden, Jr.,

JAD/s.