

FISHER BODY DIVISION

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

ATLANTA PLANT

ATLANTA, GEORGIA



OFFICE OF THE PLANT MANAGER

September 13, 1966

Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

It was with much regret that I heard of the City of Atlanta's recent decision to fire approximately 550 trained and experienced firemen.

I am deeply concerned about the welfare and safety of this city as it is quite obvious that we do not have adequate fire protection with only a small number of trained men on the job, assisted by new hires with no training or experience, and policemen who are certainly needed in other areas.

I do not believe you will be able to replace these men with qualified personnel for a long time with the hours and wages now offered them. As a further indication that our city is not adequately protected, the insurance underwriters have stated that under present circumstances, they probably will not issue new policies and if the serious shortage of trained firefighters continues to exist, insurance rates may be increased. I feel that such an increase would be an unnecessary expense to property owners.

I would like to request that you and other responsible city officials reconsider your decision and urge these men to return to their jobs.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Christine D. Hogan
Secretary to Plant Manager

cc: Board of Firemasters