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REMARKS  
by  
Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson

If a city, like a person, can be measured by the way it has met adversity, your Atlanta was born to greatness.

A hundred years ago this city was burned to the ground. I am told it has now passed the million mark in population, and it is evident there is no end in sight.

Two years ago the world was stunned by the news of the airplane crash in Paris that robbed you of 121 of your high-hearted men and women. For a long time after that summer of 1962, the very mention of your city's name evoked sympathy throughout the world.

That you plan to turn this loss to inspiring new progress seems in keeping with the character and history of your people.

I commend you for your vision creating this Atlanta Memorial Cultural Center to serve this great region of the country.

In many communities throughout the land, no adequate facilities are available for the performing artists. I earnestly wish that art centers like this would be available for all of our citizens.

May the building of your new Atlanta Memorial Cultural Center prove as worthy of your destiny as was the resurgence of your city only a century ago.

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