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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Dan Sweat *des*

Subject: City of Atlanta participation in federal programs
to combat crime and delinquency

The Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act and the Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Control Act of 1968 are two recently enacted federal grant-in-aid statutes which offer real promise of assistance to the City of Atlanta.

With the emphasis on law and order in the platforms of the national political parties, it is evident that full funding of these acts as well as additional federal tools in this area will be forthcoming.

In order to fully participate, it will be necessary for the City of Atlanta to develop comprehensive and realistic plans for training, research and operational planning for riot prevention and control. There is also demonstration money which might be used very effectively if we have the means to use it.

The attached proposal which would reorganize the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council illustrates the need for some careful consideration of Atlanta's immediate and future needs in the planning and development of programs to prevent and combat crime and delinquency.

In view of this, the following points are suggested:

1. No action be taken at this time on the proposed amendments to the resolution creating the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council.

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2. Serious consideration be given to merging the Atlanta Children and Youth Services Council with the Metropolitan Atlanta Commission on Crime and Delinquency. The ACYSC might be the youth or delinquency arm of the Crime Commission.
3. The Crime Commission be designated as our planning agency for the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act and the Juvenile Delinquency Act.
4. Whatever the organizational structure, the Youth and Juvenile Delinquency programs should provide for the involvement of young people in the planning and execution of the program. The policy board should be composed entirely of people under 30 years of age.
5. The Crime Commission should be recognized and supported by the City and the counties of Metropolitan Atlanta.
6. It is recommended that the Mayor ask the Chairmen of the Crime Commission and the Youth Council to discuss a possible merger of the two organizations at an early date in order that we get full advantage of the federal legislation.

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