

HOUSING RESOURCES COMMITTEE

January 15, 1968

Dr. Edwin Harrison, Chairman
Construction and Design Panel
Housing Resources Committee
Office of the President
Georgia Institute of Technology
225 North Avenue, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia 30313

Dear Ed:

A team from Savannah, composed of Mr. Leon J. Meyer, Architect, A.I.A., and Mr. John O. McNamara, Jr., Consulting Engineer, made a presentation last Friday afternoon to a small group at City Hall of a proposed new method of constructing low cost housing on which they have applied for a patent.

The process consists essentially of pre-cast angle shaped concrete slabs which can be poured on the site and then fitted together to form dwelling units, which in turn can be assembled laterally, longitudinally, and or vertically (in a somewhat "habitat" concept) stepped either up or down to fit topography of the terrain, to form apartment complexes of any desired size.

This team claims that by using this method, almost instant housing can be developed, using to a large extent local untrained labor and at a savings of 10 to 15% over conventional construction.

This procedure appears to have merit and if considered feasible, a pilot project might be attempted soon in the Model Cities area as an experimental housing project with Federal financial assistance.

Dan Sweat of the Mayor's Office is anxious that this proposal be given due consideration and would like a report from this Committee as to what your Construction and Design Panel thinks about the idea.

The proponent team is willing to return to Atlanta at our convenience to give a slide presentation of the proposed procedure.

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To: Dr. Edwin Harrison

I hope that you and your Panel can meet with this team at such time and place as you may designate on Monday, January 22, Thursday, January 25, or Friday, January 26, which are dates I could also meet with you.

Please advise Malcolm D. Jones, Room 1204, City Hall, Telephone 522-4463, Extension 430, if your Panel can meet with this team and if so where and when.

Sincerely,

Cecil A. Alexander, Chairman
Housing Resources Committee

cc: Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.