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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen

From: Dan Sweat

Following is a summary of departmental/ agency programs scheduled and/or proposed in response to the Mayor's March 19 meeting on Civil Disorders. This summary is organized under the categories of:

1. Recreation
2. Employment
3. Education
4. City Services

Specific program data is being plotted on neighborhood maps. A detailed plan will be assembled for each of the six target areas as well as a consolidated citywide plan.

Attached is a summary chart outlining proposed or projected services of city departments in the six areas of concentration.

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This summary addresses itself only to prevention. Control programs will be presented in a separate report.

Recreation

City Parks Department

The Parks and Recreation programs of the City Parks Department are tied directly to the overall Youth Opportunity Campaign. The City's recreation program plans for operation of 134 recreation centers, schools, playgrounds and parks.

While the program emphasis in the past two years has centered on pre-teen youngsters through the playlot programs, experience during the last two summers has shown the need for greater concentration of programs in the older teen group.

Consequently, the Parks Department will place heavy emphasis on teenage activities such as social dances, civic councils, field trips to the City's Lake Allatoona properties, and work experience programs.

The Parks Department will provide as many jobs as possible for disadvantaged youth through the Neighborhood Youth Corps (NYC) and other work experience programs.

The Public School System is cooperating with the Parks Department to make 62 schools available for recreation programs throughout the summer.

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Youth Opportunity Campaign

Much of the program of the City Parks Department hinges on the availability of funding through the Youth Opportunity Campaign. The same holds true for some 80 other public and private agencies who have submitted program budget requests to Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. and the Atlanta Council on Children and Youth Services.

EOA now has on hand some \$2.5 million in proposals with an anticipated maximum grant from OEO of \$600,000.

These programs are being analyzed to determine a priority system for funding.

The Atlanta Public Library plans a full program for children and adults. This includes training "story tellers" who will serve as volunteers; bookmobile services extended into the evening; films in neighborhood centers; establishment of book depositories in neighborhood centers, a touring cinemamobile for films and story hours in areas distant from branches and "main library" activities.

Employment

The National Alliance of Businessmen is attempting to secure job commitments for 3,300 youth during the summer school vacation period. Another 1,000 jobs will probably be made available through the public agencies, primarily through federally-assisted NYC and work-study

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programs. Federal, city and county governments are expected to add a number of summer youth jobs in addition to federally-supported job openings.

Job recruiting and placement will be done by EOA, the Youth Opportunity Center of the Georgia State Employment Service.

The Atlanta Public Schools will assist by having counselors to help students complete job application forms prior to school closing.

City Services

Mayor's Office

The Mayor's Office will provide overall coordination and evaluation of the summer program.

A City Services Coordinator will be assigned to an EOA Neighborhood Center in each target area. The Mayor's Office will see that the Neighborhood Task Forces are organized to assist these coordinators. Constant evaluation will be provided by the Mayor's Office and recommendations for improvement in programs and services will be made when necessary.

Police Department

The Police Department has a Crime Prevention Bureau Officer assigned to each EOA center. These officers will work with the City Services Coordinators in all areas of community concern. This includes

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coordination with school counselors on absent students and drop-outs, assisting adults and youth in finding services for employment, hardship cases, sickness, as well as prompt action on police service complaints, missing persons, community, civic and recreational activities, and prompt investigation of rumors of civil disorders.

A special Task Force of 40 specially trained and adapted police officers will be assigned to target areas during the 4:30 p. m. - 12:30 a. m. period.

The Police Department has taken steps to employ five ghetto area residents as police "community service officers" as recommended by the Commission on Civil Disorders. If a federal program of community service officers is adopted, 85 other such officers will be employed.

Fire Department

The Fire Department has proposed a stepped-up public relations program in target areas which includes publication of an information booklet on Fire Department responsibilities and citizen responsibilities in fire safety and prevention; a program of neighborhood visitations for inspections and demonstrations of fire equipment.

Community Fire Stations will be opened for visits by residents, merit badges to be given to children as an incentive to help prevent fires.

The Fire Department will also coordinate with the Water Department and Recreation leaders in providing street showers for children using fire hydrants.

Water Department

The Water Department will implement 1968 fire protection and water service requirement plans in target areas. This includes installation of 6", 8" and 12" mains where necessary for adequate water for domestic use and fire protection.

This department will also cooperate with other agencies involved in street shower activity.

Building Inspection

The Building Inspector will place on loan to the Mayor's Office two experienced Housing Code Enforcement Officers to serve as City Services Coordinators. These two inspectors served in the 1967 Summer Pilot Program and are considered key personnel in the overall program of summer coordination.

Public Works Department

(Street Maintenance Division)

The Street Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department has scheduled resurfacing of 51 streets in target areas. In addition, from

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one to three unpaved streets will be paved in each of the six areas and sidewalk improvements will continue to be made.

(Sanitary Division)

The Sanitary Division has assigned a full-time coordinator to assist in a program which includes twice-a-week garbage and trash collections, plus emergency pickups as required, sweeping of streets once a week, washing of streets, removal of abandoned vehicles. This Department will cooperate in efforts to clean up vacant lots and private property and in the proposed Rodent Control Program. A special program called "Operation Scrub" is being designed to help clean up old stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, etc.

Traffic Engineering

The Traffic Engineering Department will request the Georgia Power Company to provide cleaning and re-lamping and repair of all street lights needing maintenance. Night inspections for reporting of lamp outages are proposed. The department will re-check target areas for needed speed control signs and will give priority to the target areas for sign requirements.