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Executive Administrator

September 3, 1968

Mr. William U. Norwood, Jr.
Regional Manpower Administrator
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Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Dear Mr. Norwood:

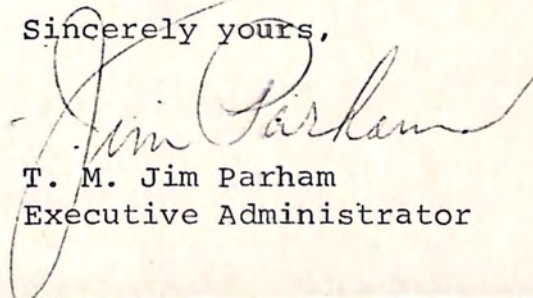
I have several concerns about the ACEP program which I wish to register with you.

- (1) The continued reduction in projected federal funds for our second CEP year is alarming in that it diminishes employment training resources in a vital area of our City. Our projected reduction now totals approximately one million dollars compared to the first year budget.
- (2) We need more training opportunities in new careers, special impact, youth opportunities, and skills training. Present projections are for a total of 660 such slots. This is far below our original second year projections of 1150 and dilutes significantly the potential impact of ACEP.

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- (3) We wish to include the East Central target area in our second year program and ask that serious consideration be given to this request.
- (4) We feel a greater voice should be provided in the selection and planning of skills training courses for ourselves, our business advisors, and our representatives of the poor. Recent adjustments of program planning procedures seem to have diminished this possibility after we worked very hard to develop interest in these groups.
- (5) We need an expanded Employment Service effort within ACEP to include a strengthened recruiting and follow-up activity. Budget reductions have forced elimination of vital staff positions in this area.

Sincerely yours,


T. M. Jim Parham
Executive Administrator

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