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## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Jimmie Mims, Assistant Director of Recreation

FROM: Jack C. Delius, General Manager

SUBJECT: Recreation Assistance to Fayette, Mississippi -  
Mayor Charles Evers

Berta Frizzell has checked the airlines and finds that Delta flies into Natchez, Mississippi which is the nearest airport apparently to Fayette, Mississippi. The transportation roundtrip tourist class is \$115.50. I will request for you this amount of money plus \$25.00 per diem expense for the one night you probably will stay and \$25.00 travel expense for a total request of \$165.50. I make reference on the request for travel expenses to the fact that Mr. Dan Sweat has asked us to give assistance to Fayette, Mississippi.

As to the cost of construction of the recreation building-gymnasium and other items, I held a meeting this morning with the Park Engineers and we came up with some rough ballfield prices. First of all, a recreation building that would include a regulation college type basketball court with two small courts crosswise, rollaway bleachers, a recreation or multi-purpose room, a library, dance studio, locker room, showers, etc., as well as a special club and trophy room would certainly add up to at least 12,000 square feet. I have analyzed the square footage in several of the better gymnasium-recreation building complexes in Georgia such as Dalton and East Point and find they run slightly over 12,000 square feet. The Park Engineers have estimated cost of construction of this type of building at about \$20.00 per square foot and so you could say that this building, less land, would cost between \$200,000-\$240,000. Now, that figure would not include the cost of installing lockers, etc.



MEMORANDUM  
Jimmie Mims  
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As to an outdoor recreation area, the information we have from Fayette, Mississippi is rather nebulous. The cost of a multiple purpose game court is running about \$3,500 each here in Atlanta. It can be done out of concrete and you could skate on it and have other activities requiring a hard surface such as basketball, etc. Basketball courts are also running about \$3,500 each; badminton courts about \$3,000 each, volleyball courts about \$3,000, and double court tennis facilities about \$7,000. The engineers estimate that outdoor handball courts properly constructed and fenced would run about \$2,000 each. The cost of constructing a baseball diamond, soccer field, quarter mile cinder track, archery range and horseshoe pits, if in fact the land is fairly level and requires little grading, would run about \$25,000 including the lighting. It is worth noting that we have spent up to \$15,000 for just the light for a large baseball diamond. As to the campsites, they run about \$500 each. Outdoor toilet facilities are shockingly expensive. We have spent up to \$20,000 for ladies and mens restrooms. However, the engineers think that from \$8,000-10,000 would cover this item. Mississippi might want to build their own or consider buying one already pre-fabricated from Super Secure in California. You will recall that we have used Super Secure at Anderson and Bedford-Pine. The water fountains cost \$160.00 each plus installation and water pipe. We are not sure about item 7 "The outdoor area which should be lighted" and thus we are refraining from giving any sort of price. We really don't know what size area they are talking about. The last item, number 8, calls for construction of a strong fence around the entire playarea. A six foot fence of reasonably sturdy gauge runs about \$4.00 a foot installed. In other words, a 100 feet would cost \$400.00; a 1,000 feet, a \$1,000.00.

I am sending Dan Sweat a copy of this memorandum and have a call into him at this time to ask him whether I should proceed to make a request for your travel expenses.

JCD:bf

cc: Dan Sweat

Dan: Jimmie Mims is on a very badly needed vacation and will be back on duty Monday, October 27, and could leave most anytime after that for the trip to Fayette.