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Mr. Lester H. Persells, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the
City of Atlanta
824 Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Persells:

Subject: Relocation of Site Occupants from Atlanta Airport Expansion Program

This is a request for information on the steps taken and progress to date in providing relocation assistance to the subject site occupants. Since the review of the City's next Workable Program submission will take into consideration the results of relocation from this area (as well as displacement by all other governmental action), it is important that adequate staffing is provided and that procedures and methods have been instituted to assure that information submitted in the next request for recertification will be adequate to demonstrate that relocation assistance has been and will be satisfactory.

In this connection, please let us have, as a minimum, the following information which will assist us in evaluating progress and in advising and assisting the City as to what further steps may need to be taken:

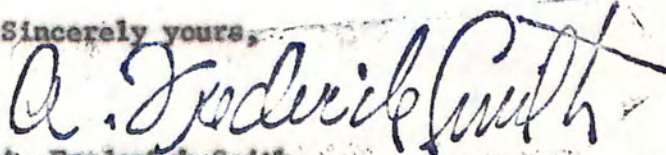
1. The number of families and individuals displaced to date and the condition of the dwellings into which they have relocated.
2. The number of families and individuals yet to be displaced, the time schedule and an estimate of annual incomes (and equities for home owners) by groupings.
3. The supply of housing available or to be available for their relocation which is standard and within their means. The locations of such housing and if the locations are considered to meet the preferences of the displacees.
4. The effect displacement has had on housing resources in East Point, College Park, Hapeville and surrounding areas. In this regard, it would be appropriate to discuss this matter with officials of these communities to obtain their reaction to the Relocation Program and to learn of any problems or hardships which may have been reported to them.

5. The time allowed for families and individuals to relocate after acquisition.
6. Depending upon the present and future workload, an estimate of the number of relocation staff persons necessary to assure that all displacees are interviewed and assisted in urban renewal. Usually, one relocation advisor can relocate from 10-15 families or individual householders per month in a program of this type.
7. Based on the above information, your opinion as to the outlook for successful relocation, in obtaining adequate staff and any other steps which you feel are appropriate for you, as the Central Relocation Agency to take in order to coordinate and otherwise assure relocation objectives can be met.

It is our understanding that many dwellings purchased for the expansion are resold for removal off-site intact. Please indicate the number of such dwellings used as a relocation resource for the displacees and if all of the dwellings relocated are inspected by appropriate local officials to assure that they meet local code requirements.

Please let us know if we can be of any assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,



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