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Mr. Johnny Johnson
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Dear Johnny:

While I realize that we are both aware of the following facts, I feel that it is important that they be pointed out and emphasized at this time so that there will be no chance of a misunderstanding.

The federally approved budget under which the Model Cities Project is now operating is authorized only through January 31, 1969. While we have noted in the press that the Model Cities execution grant containing the 1969 administrative budget has been approved, there has been no indication that the City will receive a binding commitment from the federal government in time for the Budget Commission and Board of Aldermen to act on it at their next regular meeting on January 20, 1969.

I am aware that your staff is now preparing a request for an extension of the present planning budget until such time as a new administrative budget can receive official federal and city action. Again, time is of the essence in receiving a federal commitment for this extension. If it is not received in time for action on January 20, the next regular meeting of the Board is on February 3 which is after your current budget expires.

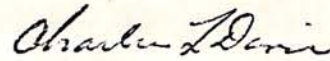
It is, therefore, extremely important that we receive some definite commitment from the federal agency prior to January 20, 1969. Please call on me if there is anything that I can do to assist in obtaining federal agency approval.

I would also like to advise that all of the staff positions that have been authorized by the new administrative budget were created

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by action of the Finance Committee on January 6, 1969. These positions, however, were contingent upon federal funds being available and therefore none of the positions can be filled until we receive a specific federal commitment to funding these positions.

Very truly yours,



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