



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
PEACHTREE SEVENTH BUILDING, ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30323

REGION III

November 6, 1969

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Lester H. Percells
Executive Director
Atlanta Housing Authority
824 Hurt Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30323

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Dear Mr. Percells:

Subject: Neighborhood Development Program
Project No. Ca. A-2
Second Year Activity

We are writing in connection with various conversations held between our offices regarding Atlanta's 1970 Neighborhood Development Application.

As explained in our letter of September 23, 1969, the total Federal Capital Grant funds for the second year's activities in all six Neighborhood Development Programs in Region III has been established as \$24,000,000.

Thus you, and we, are faced with establishing priorities for urban renewal activity in Atlanta. The duty of establishing these priorities rests primarily with the Board of Commissioners of the Atlanta Housing Authority; our role is merely to see that certain national objectives are met. We believe that the priorities should be arranged such that the resulting NDP second Year (1) will be strongly oriented toward the national goals of producing low- and moderate-income housing and creating job opportunities; (2) will call for activity only in areas which were included in the NDP first year; and (3) will avoid activities which have an excessive multiplier effect and therefore will create for next year a demand for Federal money which cannot be met.

We believe it necessary for the Atlanta Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, probably with the assistance of the City Planning Department, to establish a set of priorities for the urban renewal activity in the City. We will be glad to give you any technical assistance you may seek.

Because of the interest which the City Planning Department has in this matter a copy of our letter is being sent to Mr. Collier Gladdin.

Sincerely yours,

John T. Edmonds
Assistant Regional Administrator
for Renewal Assistance

cc: Mr. Collier Gladdin
Mr. Howard Openshaw

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