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*To Dan Snel*

The Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor of the City of Atlanta  
City Hall  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Re: Rawson-Washington Street  
Urban Redevelopment Area  
Project Georgia R-10

Dear Mayor Allen:

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has this date advised by telegram the approval of a \$1,600,894.00 grant increase for the 353 acre Rawson-Washington Street Urban Renewal Project in Atlanta. This amendment will permit the Atlanta Housing Authority to proceed with the acquisition of three additional blocks of land east of Whitehall Terrace for a new elementary school, park, and community facility building.

The Housing Authority submitted the Part I Application for Loan and Grant on this project on February 10, 1967, and received HUD approval on February 26, 1968 (12 months). Ten days later on March 7, 1968, the Authority submitted the Part II (following a public hearing and approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and Housing Authority Board of Commissioners) and received approval on May 10, 1968 (2 months). The above dates demonstrate the extraordinary time required for Federal review and approval of urban renewal applications, and accounts for the substantial delays in the urban renewal process.

The Housing Authority will proceed expeditiously with the acquisition of the land required for the school, park, and community facility.

Very truly yours,

*Howard Openshaw*

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Director of Redevelopment