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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr. Mayor 101 City Hall Atlanta, Georgia 30303

> Re: Bedford-Pine NDP Area Acquisition of "Hardship" Parcels

Dear Mayor Allen:

Following the meeting in your office on March 14, 1969 relative to the acquisition of vacant, dilapidated structures in the Bedford-Pine NDP Area, I requested a policy decision from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. A copy of the HUD letter, dated March 20, 1969, outlining procedures relating to the use of project funds under a Neighborhood Development Program (NDP) for the acquisition of properties not scheduled to be acquired during 1969, is attached.

We have, this date, submitted a request to HUD for authorization to obtain title search and appraisals on all of the properties which Mr. Wofford has furnished this office. Following a field inspection, the Housing Authority has added additional properties containing vacant, dilapidated structures, in addition to eleven properties whose owners have requested early acquisition due to hardship.

The Authority has previously secured HUD approval to acquire the city-owned property at 203 North Avenue, and will proceed with the demolition of that structure as soon as the City conveys title to the Authority (authorized by the Board of Aldermen on March 17, 1969).

The Authority is proceeding with appraisals of 278 and 288 Pine Street, as these properties are included in the NDP acquisition program for 1969.

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While the acquisition of 57 additional properties will require adjustments of the approved NDP budget and additional staff time in revising title and appraisal contracts, we strongly believe that the program must be flexible enough to remove structures found to be hazardous to the health and safety of the community, and responsive to the expressed needs of the people.

We want to thank you for calling this matter to our attention.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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