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**Mr. Les Persells
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Dear Les:

I appreciate very much you and Mr. Openshaw taking time from your busy schedule and meeting with Mr. Elrod, Mr. Nixon, and I regarding the expansion and improvements to Bedford Place which is part of the Buttermilk Bottoms-Bedford Pine Urban Renewal Projects.

Our conference pointed out the fact that it would be best for the City to proceed on the original basis of improving Bedford Place by first undertaking the improvements to the southbound lanes which will require right-of-way from the Buttermilk Bottoms Project. Our conference also pointed out that a further widening of the project would be made at the time the right-of-way for the Bedford Pine Project was acquired and cleared. The City is undertaking this improvement under the basis that the City will receive maximum credit under either the Buttermilk Bottoms Project or the Bedford Pine Project, or a combination of the two projects. We are also contemplating receiving full credit for underground utilities which will be placed in Bedford Place by the Georgia Power Company or Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

We recognize that there will be a time delay in approving the Bedford Pine Project, but we are of the opinion that we should receive fifty percent credit in the Buttermilk Bottoms Project and the remaining fifty percent in the Bedford Pine Project when the project is placed into execution.

In our meeting on Thursday, March 2, Mr. Nixon volunteered to coordinate the street improvements in Bedford Place as well as other streets in the Buttermilk Bottoms area with Georgia Power Company, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, City Traffic Engineer, and other interested parties. I believe that this will be a very beneficial undertaking inasmuch as Mr. Nixon controls the installation of sidewalks, curbing, and street pavings.

Recently we had the opportunity of visiting with you and members of the Housing and Urban Development Agency to discuss the particulars of the utility contracts between the Atlanta Housing Authority, City of Atlanta, Georgia Power Company and Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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In our conference it was pointed out by officials of HUD that further legal study should be given to the agreements, and they would advise us at a later date as to their findings. I believe that it would be very desirable to have these contracts executed prior to any work being undertaken by either Georgia Power Company or Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

I would appreciate your advising as soon as possible of anything that we might do in order to hasten the execution of these agreements.

Yours very truly,



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City Comptroller

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Mr. Ray A. Nixon