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

Dear Mayor Allen:

May I add my congratulations (to what I hope have been many) at your decision to press the issue of consolidation. As you well know from our conversations, the CIP Workshops, and the "Atlanta" article I am 100 per cent behind this reordering of our metropolitan governments. If there is anyway I can be of help to you in moving this effort forward, I am eager and willing.

Our firm has been deeply involved in this area in recent months through our work with Savannah-Chatham County, the Muscle Shoals Council of Governments, and the District of Columbia. We are gaining some measure of expertise and a deep understanding of the problems of governmental restructuring.

It seems inappropriate to us because of our past work for the City and my publically-known views for our firm to make a proposal for the work now being contemplated in studying consolidation. However, we are ready to provide any advice and assistance you might deem helpful in identifying appropriate firms to carry out the work.

To that end, I have reviewed the qualifications of some of our competitors ( a difficult task to accomplish without bias) to see who might do the City and County a good

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job. One organization which you might consider is the Midwest Research Institute.

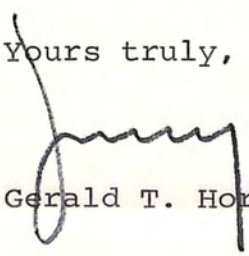
I asked one of their staff to send me some information on their activities and abilities in governmental organization, a copy of which is enclosed.

If information on other firms such as this would be of interest to you, I will be happy to assemble it and pass it on.

Finally, let me again offer my time and the firm's time to assist you on this project in any matter you might suggest.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,



Gerald T. Horton

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