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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Malcolm D. Jones

Re: Low-cost single family housing development in Thomasville U.R. Project area.

Mr. George Kennedy, Chairman of the Housing and Redevelopment Committee of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, has just informed me that the Travelers Insurance Company has agreed to finance 70 new single family low cost houses in the Thomasville U. R. Project under the FHA 221 d (2) insured mortgage program; and possibly about 70 more (the remainder of the rougher undeveloped single family lots in Thomasville) if National Homes and the Housing Authority can get together on the price and FHA will insure the loans. This should practically complete development of the 157 single family lots in Thomasville which have been vacant so long.

Mr. Kennedy has proposed that we attempt to get some favorable publicity out of this to the mutual benefit of the Low-income Housing Program, Travelers Insurance Company, Chamber of Commerce, and National Homes.

Mr. Kennedy says that Denver Gray of his Committee has done considerable work on this and that James R. Price, President of National Homes, Lafayette, Indiana, would probably come down to participate in a public announcement.

He suggests that a brief ceremony be arranged in the Thomasville U. R. Project area the week of February 5 (probably February 7) with you participating.

Dan Sweat and I are both in accord with this idea.

Recommend a meeting be scheduled in the Thomasville area, Wednesday, Feb. 7, at 11:00 o'clock, to make the formal announcement, with the following invited to attend:

- Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. - M. C.
- George W. Kennedy, Chamber of Commerce
- Denver Gray, Chamber of Commerce
- Cecil A. Alexander
- Representatives of Travelers Insurance Co.
- James R. Price, President, National Homes
- Joe Elliott, National Homes Construction Corporation
- John A. Thigpen, Dir. FHA
- M. B. Satterfield, Exec. Dir., Housing Authority
- Robert L. Sommerville, Chairman, CACUR
- William S. Howland, Exec. Dir., CACUR
- Dan Sweat
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