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The Honorable Sam Massell, Jr.
40 Pryor Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Massell:

We would like to add our congratulations to the many you have been receiving, on your election. We should also like to add our pledge of support and cooperation in your efforts to keep Atlanta a great and evolving city.

As you know, the Community Council of the Atlanta Area has had an organizational grant from the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to bring into being a new agency for "comprehensive areawide health planning" for the six-county metropolitan area. The basic work is largely complete. A 52-member "Metropolitan Atlanta Council for Health" has been established, a detailed proposal for a five-year work program has been prepared and submitted, and an organizational structure for carrying out comprehensive health planning has been created.

However, a number of new and rather bold departures from tradition have been made, in an effort to implement, fully, the vision of Public Law 89-749, the "Partnership for Health" act. These involve, in particular, an enhanced role for MACLOG in coordinating health planning with other major planning activities, and real and meaningful participation in planning and decision-making by poor and black citizens of the community.

Your guidance and help in both these areas are urgently needed. It is not an exaggeration to say that two or three decisions by you, now, can have an extremely important impact, not only on the success of health planning in this metropolitan area, but also on race relations in all aspects of community life, and even on the threatened "abolish Atlanta" movement. Howard Atherton is giving his full backing to the proposals we would like to place before you.

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If at all possible, we would like to see you for about 45 minutes some time during the next ten days to fill you in on the details. You may recall that one of us (RBL) at your September 17th talk to the Emory-Grady Family Planning Clinic staff brought up the question of planning versus crisis-meeting. Your answer stressed the importance of planning to prevent crises. We believe this is such an opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

A. B. Padgett

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