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Chief Herbert T. Jenkins
Atlanta Police Department
165 Decatur Street, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Chief:

Knowing of your concern about getting the current accident prevention program off on the right foot, I wanted to call your attention to something which might jeopardize its effect.

As you will recall, we recommended increasing enforcement activity in the areas of speeding, drunk driving, running traffic signals and stop signs, because we felt these were the offenses most often involved in accident situations. The Mayor's request for a monthly 10 percent increase was especially aimed at these same offenses.

Several police officers have indicated during the last couple of days that they have been instructed to increase their cases by 10 percent, and that they were not aware of the increase being concentrated on any specific areas. My feeling is that unless the officers are specifically instructed on this subject many will tend to increase their enforcement against the lesser violations, such as failing to remain in the proper lane and the like.

I am further concerned that an increase in this type of case, rather than in the more serious accident producing offenses, will hurt rather than help.

The purpose of this letter is just to call this to your attention and to again stress the importance of the officers, who must eventually carry the program out, being fully informed of the intent of the recommendations and of the need to concentrate their time and energy on the more serious offenses.

Sincerely,

Edmund W. Hughes
Managing Director

cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.
Superintendent J. L. Moseley