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How do we resolve this ridiculous  
situation? Dan*

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Mr. Charles L. Davis  
Director of Finance  
City of Atlanta  
City Hall - 68 Mitchell St. S. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Atlanta Housing Authority has for a long time been eager to have the City Parks Department supply recreation leadership to residents in public housing projects. In our conferences with representatives of the Parks Department, it develops that they are equally eager to supply these services to the citizens of Atlanta who live in public housing.

From these conferences, it appears that the only reason that such services are not supplied to these citizens is that a definition of city services has been made that prevents City funds from being expended for this purpose. As you know, the Atlanta Housing Authority is prevented from supplying face to face leadership by Federal regulations. It appears that these citizens of Atlanta are prevented from receiving full city services simply by virtue of where they live. It is our hope that this situation can be corrected at the earliest possible date since the Atlanta Housing Authority, in contrast to most other property owners, has outdoor and indoor space which can be made available for recreation purposes at no or little cost to the city.

I would be grateful if you would call this to the attention of the necessary individuals so that a favorable ruling can be obtained.

Sincerely yours,  
*Lester H. Persells*

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- cc: Honorable Ivan Allen, Mayor  
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