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Mrs. Miriam J. Clarke  
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Dear Mrs. Clarke:

The Mayor's office asked me to answer your letter concerning the income of Martha's family.

I am pleased to learn from Allen Williams, the Director of our East Central Neighborhood Service Center, that you are working as a volunteer. Mr. Williams tells me that he has talked with you about Martha's family.

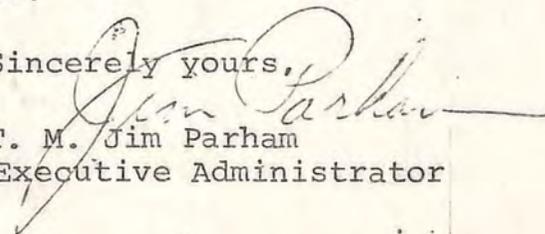
I understand your concern and want to give you all of the facts that we have.

Since Martha's father began working at a garage near their home, he has made only \$30 a week. The family pays \$28.00 a week rent each Saturday. That leaves \$2.00 for all other expenses. That is why her family, and many others like them, are in such urgent need of help. That is why so many go to school hungry. There is just no money for food.

Her family could possibly find a cheaper apartment. It is not unusual for slum apartments to be priced at a level similar to those in better areas. Poor people are often forced to take the inferior apartment at the same price because of down payments; leases; monthly, instead of weekly payments and references required in other neighborhoods.

Thank you so much for writing. I appreciate your interest in Martha's Day and hope you will let me know if you have additional questions.

Sincerely yours,

  
T. M. Jim Parham  
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