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IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:


As you may know, an interim report on the experiences of Atlanta, Dayton, and Seattle during the planning period has been prepared by Marshall Kaplan, Gans, and Kahn and has been distributed to all model cities.

The report, A History and Analysis of the Planning Process in Three Cities, is useful to both first and second round cities. All cities should benefit by a better understanding of the difficulties faced during the planning process and your city's solutions for those difficulties. The findings of the study of the planning process indicate that different cities can find satisfactory though different solutions to similar problems. This ability of cities to develop answers suited to local situations is a basic goal of the Model Cities program.

I am pleased that Atlanta is included in this report because you have shown that a competent city and its dedicated people can accomplish significant achievements through cooperation and with hard work. It is my understanding that Marshall Kaplan and Mr. John C. Johnson have reviewed the text's discussion of Atlanta, and that Mr. Johnson has agreed that it is an accurate description of your planning experience.

The generous efforts of you and your staff are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,


Walter G. Farr, Jr.
Director