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In preparation for "START NOW ATLANTA WEEK", Boisfeuillet Jones, Chairman of the Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. Board of Directors, is inviting public officials and news representatives to a special briefing and tour on Friday, January 10, 1969, beginning at 10:00 a. m. at the East Central EOA Neighborhood Center, 486 Decatur Street S. E. at Boulevard (back side of shopping center.)

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., has proclaimed the week of January 12-18 "START NOW ATLANTA WEEK" urging "all Atlantans to invest in Atlanta's future by becoming involved in EOA's neighborhood information and volunteer programs."

At Friday's briefing Mr. Jones will launch "START NOW ATLANTA WEEK" and the two new programs mentioned in the Mayor's proclamation. He will introduce 22 poverty area residents called V.I.P.'s or Volunteer Information People, who for the first time will lead public tours through their own neighborhoods. He will also explain EOA's new volunteer program.

After the short briefing, one of the V.I.P.'s, a poverty area resident, will take guests to a nearby street to see what

residents living there have done to help themselves.

An early lunch will be provided for guests who wish to remain after the tour for further discussion.

According to Mr. Jones, the purpose of Friday's briefing and tour is to give public officials and news representatives a first hand look at some of the problems, the progress which is being made and the potential for volunteer help. "I am convinced," Mr. Jones said, "that Atlantans want to become involved. People constantly ask 'How can I know what's happening?' and 'What can I do?' That is why EOA is introducing two new programs during "START NOW ATLANTA WEEK" to help more Atlantans find ways to become involved."