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April 20, 1967

Mr. R. M. Worthington, Manager  
Commerce Club  
Broad and Marietta Streets, N.W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Worthington:

Thank you very much for your telephone call of April 19, 1967 and for your excellent suggestion that you have a "Zoo Day" at the Commerce Club for purposes of raising funds to buy some exotic animal. I have checked with our Zoo Foreman, Johnny Dilbeck, and determined the latest price list we have on international animal exchange lists a 38 - 42 inch baby Asiatic Elephant (two to five years old) at \$3,000 F.O.B. New York. We could not quarter the baby with four adults we have since they possibly would harm it; we would erect some simple structure to the immediate south of the existing Children's Zoo and possibly some drive could be started in Atlanta for the construction of the permanent and attractive structure which would compare with the existing buildings at the park.

As we discussed over the telephone, another excellent project that could so nicely be sponsored by your association would be the equipping of various playlots in hard-core slum areas in Atlanta. We could name the lots after individuals or after the Commerce Club and as I quoted you on the phone I think \$800 per playlot would do quite a handsome job. Unfortunately, the time factor is against us, and since there is a metal shortage due to the war, we have to place an order well in advance to receive any reasonable delivery. We would like to open our playlots full-time effective June 1st and run them through Labor Day. Last year we built seven, using Federal funds, and we hope to have a possible twenty-one this year. Another very worthwhile venture would be to sponsor a number of children from the disadvantaged areas of our City for a 3-day resident camp experience at our facility at Lake Allatoona. We estimate that 500 children could be served during an 8-week summer season. They would be under the supervision of expert camp counselors who are members of this department and would receive a rewarding and healthy experience in the out-of-doors.

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Thank you for any consideration and assuring you of our appreciation for thinking of the City, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius  
General Manager of  
Parks and Recreation

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CC: Captain George Royal, Mayor's Office ✓