

MEMO TO MAYOR ALLEN:

I received a call Thursday, May 29, from Mrs. Juanita Banks (Mrs. James Banks) of 123 Ormand St. SE, telephone 524 5810. She lives in the Model Cities area and she tells me she is desirous of getting a loan that will enable her to enlarge and improve her home, which she owns. She evidently approached the Model Cities people about getting a loan and was a little unhappy that no one had rushed out to see her. But that wasn't her big complaint. She says a building inspector by name of O. C. Long did come to inspect her house and while they questioned her about her willingness to sell the house. He told her, she said, that "they wanted to use my house for a model house." She told Long she didn't want to sell her house, jsut to repair it. But later on, she said, other men came by to see her, all or most of them again asking whether she'd sell her house. She didn't remember their full names. Just listed them as "McGill," "Littlefield" and "Henley." She said she'd given no one any cause ever to believe she had any desire to sell her home. She found the behavior of some of these men at least a little suspicious.

I have since checked with Johnny Johnson. Mrs. Banks' home is not in a clearance area but in a rehabilitation area. The mention of the name "Henley" suggested to me the involvement of the Atlanta Housing Authority and the possibility they were attempting to acquire Mrs. Banks' home for clearance. That would not seem to be the case, though Johnny is checking further.

Mrs. Banks told me a little more about her efforts to obtain a cheap loan. She said she finally was contacted by the project manager of McDaniel Street Homes and that he finally told her she wouldn't qualify for a loan because her lot is too small. She said she has a 50 foot lot and in her judgment she can make the expansion she wants to make.

She said she'd been bothered so much by city people coming there to beg her to sell her house that as of then, Thursday, she was spending the day with her mother elsewhere in town to keep from being pestered to death.

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