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MEMORANDUM

To: Ivan Allen, Jr. Date: December 9, 1965
From: Collier B. Gladin Subject: Sandy Springs Annexation

1. Attached is a brief discussion of facilities and services, existing and needed if the Sandy Springs area is annexed as well as some other pertinent information. Land Use is indicated on the map of North Fulton County. Area "A" is 1965 data; "B" and "C" are 1961 data.
2. Sandy Springs is primarily residential area of low density development where many Urban services are now provided by the City of Atlanta under contract with Fulton County. The City performs these services on a non-profit basis with the exception of water revenues.
3. On a dollar and cents basis, it will cost Atlanta considerable money to annex Sandy Springs. The existing level of services will have to be improved, and if this area becomes a part of the City water rates will have to be reduced, resulting in a substantial loss of revenue. As a general rule, taxes on residential properties are not adequate to offset the cost of Urban services performed for them.
4. Annexation of Sandy Springs would give Atlanta an elongated shape, roughly similar to that of Fulton County, stretching nineteen miles from the City Hall to Roswell on the north and ten miles to beyond Ben Hill in the Southwest. If Fulton County industrial area and the great southwest corporation properties are ever taken in the City, the Southwest distance becomes fourteen miles. These distances and the shape will present problems in administration, access, and communication. Ideally a circular shape of eight to ten miles would be much more economical for the taxpayer and easier to administer. An Atlanta shaped like this would have at least 200,000 more people and eighty square miles more territory, most of which would be already densely developed with a variety of land uses which would complement and support a desirable level of Urban services and facilities.
5. We will continue our efforts to secure available data on this area.