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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : Board of Aldermen Members

FROM : Johnny C. Johnson, Director *JCG*
Model Cities Program

SUBJECT: Southern Railroad Plans for Land Acquisition
in Model Cities Area

The Southern Railroad recently started to negotiate the exchange of a portion of City owned Pittman Park for adjacent residential and industrial property that they intend to acquire. As a result of their discussions with the Parks Department, the Model Cities Program eventually became aware of Southern's plan to enlarge their yard facilities in the Mechanicsville Neighborhood of Model Cities. This plan raises many issues all of which are a deep concern to us at Model Cities and perhaps to the City at large.

The attached memorandum to the Mayor and others is offered in order to bring these issues to your attention. In addition, it outlines the events that preceded our discovery of Southern's plan and suggests a course of action to follow. I would greatly appreciate any recommendations and comments you have to offer.

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Attachments