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Mr. Collier Gladin
Department of Planning
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Collier:

This is to advise that Mr. Milton Farris has approved your request of January 26, 1967, to appropriate approximately \$7,000 for the purpose of securing programming services from the Service Bureau Corporation of Atlanta.

In my review of this file with Mr. Farris, I pointed out that the services to be obtained from this corporation would furnish the Planning Department information on approximately March 1 in place of the April 1 by the City staff. We also understand that the Service Bureau Corporation will program this information in 1401 mode in place of the 360 mode that we were proposing. This will mean that we cannot further use the programs being developed by the Service Bureau Corporation, and we must at a later date go back and reprogram the information so that it may be processed on the IBM System 360.

Again, I would like to call to your attention the discussions of a meeting held in early November with your staff in which we discussed the various priorities of the data processing program, and we requested that you submit to us at the earliest day possible the requirements for the year 1967. We would like to re-emphasize to you that in the future we would like to have your projections as much as a year in advance and particularly a concrete program for a six months period. We believe that if we can obtain this type of lead time that the City staff and equipment can furnish your needs at a great reduction in cost and perhaps a much higher quality of work. This can be emphasized by the fact that the present job has a cost of approximately \$6,500 to \$7,000 and is being programmed for 1401 equipment which is a much cheaper approach to the problem than the 360. The City's cost of programming this application for a System 360 shows that it will cost approximately \$1,400 and will require approximately nine weeks in programming effort as opposed to the \$6,500 or so that we would be outlaying for the program.

We always stand ready to serve you as well as other departments in the City government with many services this office may furnish, and I look forward to working much closer with you in the future than we have in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Davis
City Comptroller

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cc: Mr. Milton Farris
Mr. R. Earl Landers ✓