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IN REPLY  
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Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.  
Director of  
Governmental Liaison  
Office of the Mayor  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dan:

Thank you for the opportunity of sharing in the Urban Coalition session at the Hotel American yesterday.

Unfortunately, the time allotted and the size of the gathering afforded little opportunity to come to grips with possible solution techniques. The slide presentation by John Robinson was helpful in providing facts respecting immediate problem areas and forecasts of impending doom lest we begin immediately to take some corrective action.

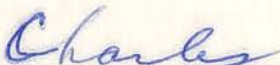
Before we can concern ourselves with job progression and career development, it would appear that basic and fundamental education must be afforded many of the "hard-core unemployed". May I suggest that you write the "Board of Fundamental Education", Indianapolis, Ind. for information regarding its techniques for remedial and basic courses to raise the educational levels of the disadvantaged and deprived?

Dr. Cleo Blackburn is the Chairman of the Board and his work is well known to NAM, HEW and others.

It would appear that money spent in this area would be a good investment in tackling the real problem now. By upgrading the basic educational skills we provide people with at least the entry job level skills, i.e., Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and Comprehension.

My interest in the Coalition remains high and I stand ready to lend whatever assistance you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

  
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