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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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Mr. Johnny C. Johnson  
Director  
City Demonstration Agency  
673 Capitol Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

Subject: Model Cities Program

Following review by the Regional Interagency Coordinating Committee the Atlanta Comprehensive City Demonstration Program (CCDP) has now been reviewed by the Washington Interagency Committee, and, as indicated in our letter to Mayor Allen of January 14, 1969, the Department of Housing and Urban Development announced approval of the Atlanta Program on January 8, 1969.

The following work items must be accomplished, however, before a grant contract can be offered by HUD:

- 1) Submission of your revised budget for program administration (See my letter dated December 26, 1968.)
- 2) Submission of your statement of non-federal contribution showing eligibility for the supplemental grant of \$7,175,000. As you know, all projects for which the CDA claims "base" must be submitted to HUD in accordance with CDA #7 and CDA #4, Page 16. Where they exist, you may wish to submit project descriptions or summaries thereof from existing applications
- 3) Submission of a letter from the area CAMPS committee stating that the committee has reviewed and approved the CCDP. I understand this was accomplished on January 6 and a letter from the CAMPS committee so stating will be sufficient.

In addition to the foregoing, I want to share with you the following comments and recommendations concerning various components of your plan based on the Washington review and on your conversations on January 14 with Don Dodge, Area Desk Officer, and Tom Williams, Atlanta Coordinator:

Resident Involvement - I understand that you discussed with Messrs. Dodge and Williams projects RE-002N and RE-003N as well as projects CD -0011N and CD-012N, all of which are to be operated by the Atlanta Youth Council. It would be helpful if you would supplement the existing project descriptions with a short statement describing the Atlanta Youth Council and indicating the relationship among these four projects.

Employment - With regard to Project EM-014N which provides funds for job-training activities, there will need to be further consideration of that part of the project which contemplates training for sewing machine operators since it appears the Department of Labor has further questions concerning the proposal. Mr. Williams will be in touch with you in the near future to arrange a meeting with appropriate members of your staff and the state and federal agencies concerned.

Economic Development - One of the concerns noted during the Washington review was that there appeared to be no link between the Development Corporation (EC-001N) and the Outreach Project (EC-003C). However, I understand that the same sponsor is contemplated for EC-003C and for the Single-Purpose Development Corporation (EC-005N) and that both projects will work with the financial pool to be created under EC-001. I also understand that you are submitting an application for funding to the Economic Development Administration and that some changes in project descriptions and budgets may be necessitated depending on the result of this application.

Education - As indicated during your meeting with the Interagency Coordinating Committee, a statement clarifying the city's maintenance of effort in this component should be submitted in the near future. It would also be advisable to have letters from the Atlanta Board of Education and the State Department of Education indicating review and concurrence in your plan. I would also like to reiterate the concern previously expressed to you by the RICC that the programs proposed in this component do not appear to provide the means to make the educational system more responsive to the felt needs and expressed views of residents. This should be further considered by the CDA for the purpose of designing remedial proposals. With regard to Project ED-030N, I understand this is for the purpose of assisting the CDA to evaluate new educational programs to be implemented under the Model Cities plan and is not for evaluation of existing programs.

Health - I understand that a non-profit corporation, entitled the Model Neighborhood Better Health Corporation has recently been established composed of elected resident representatives, representatives of the four local medical and dental societies and three social service agencies which will be responsible for operating the major programs in this component. A short statement describing the corporation and its relationship to the local professional agencies would be helpful. I would also suggest that the corporation, if it is to be the sponsoring agency for the proposed health facility, should be advised to begin discussion with the Atlanta FHA Insuring Office at the earliest possible moment.

Transportation - I understand that project TR-017N, entitled Public Facilities Impact Evaluation will in fact be a consultant study for the purpose of developing specific transportation recommendations and is not an evaluation of first year activities in this component.

Housing - With regard to project HR-005N, Housing Center, I understand that Messrs. Dodge and Williams discussed with you the advisability of seeking an appropriate sponsor in lieu of CDA operation of the project and that you are now in the process of exploring this matter.

I would urge your immediate attention to those items listed above which must be completed to enable us to move toward tendering of the grant agreement. Mr. Williams will, of course, be available for discussion should you have any questions on these matters.

Sincerely yours,

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