

June 4, 1969

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Dear Mr. Riggs:

Your letter of May 29, 1969, to Mayor Allen, expressing your interest in hunger, medical care and housing as well as procedures and actions taken by Atlanta in getting Federal grants, has been turned over to me for reply.

To begin with, let me say that Mayor Allen recognized early the importance of Federal funds in solving many of our local problems and the necessity for designating some one to ferret out the requirements, applicable programs and regulations pertaining to Federal assistance in the various fields and in coordinating efforts in obtaining such assistance.

So, in April 1966 Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr., then Associate Administrator for Administration, Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc., was employed for this purpose and appointed Director of Governmental Liaison in the Mayor's office. His work in this capacity has been tremendous and as a result, Atlanta has been very fortunate in securing allocations of Federal funds both in grants and in funding of joint Federal-City participation projects.

Rather than attempt to spell out details pertaining to the many Federal participation programs in which Atlanta is engaged, enclosed are several comprehensive documents which explain quite fully Atlanta's approaches and accomplishments in this effort. Two of these are:

Coordinating Federal Aid in Atlanta,
experience report 107

City Hall and Neighborhood Residents
the Atlanta Approach, experience report 110

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Both of these documents have been published and widely distributed by the Community Relations Service, U.S. Conference of Mayors.

In addition, I am enclosing copy of a recent address by Mr. Sweat at the University of Kansas and an updated document prepared by EOA in Atlanta (a directory of EOA programs). Both of these documents provide considerable background information and material on Atlanta's programs.

A data sheet pertaining to Atlanta's Commodity Foods Distribution Center and the activities resulting from this facility is also enclosed for your information. It provides a reasonable picture of local efforts being made in food distribution to the poor and needy.

With respect to low-income housing, I refer you first to the comment on "The Mayor's Housing Resources Program" contained in Mr. Sweat's University of Kansas address (copy enclosed; see Page Ten). In addition, I am enclosing the following documents pertaining to Atlanta's current low and moderate income housing program:

Mayor Allen's Address at the Mayor's
Housing Conference, November 15, 1966

Announcement of Appointments, same time

Functions of the Housing Resources Committee

Membership List and Organization of the
Housing Resources Committee

Minutes of Second Annual Meeting, HRC,
December 12, 1968

Summary - Status of Accelerated Low-
Income Housing Program, January 15, 1969

I trust that the enclosed material is adequate and will be helpful to you in your work in Memphis.

Sincerely,

Malcolm D. Jones
Housing Coordinator

Encls: As Listed
cc: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓
Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr. ✓