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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Dan Sweat

Subject: Atlanta Hospitals and Civil Rights Compliance

The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare is greatly concerned about the fact that no major hospital facility in the Atlanta area has met the Civil Rights compliance requirements and as a result will run into major problems shortly after July 1.

One big problem is that HEW will not be able to allow any Medicare expenses to be incurred at Grady or the other major hospitals.

Mr. Pete Page, Regional Administrator of HEW, says that they are holding up a grant for several million dollars for a vocational rehabilitation project at Grady and that Grady has recently missed a sizable grant for Cancer research because of non-compliance.

He pointed out that he and his representatives met several weeks ago with the hospital administrators and officials but they have had no correspondence from the hospitals. Mr. Page says that he and his staff are willing to work night and day to do whatever they can to help the hospitals get in a position to meet the requirements necessary for continued participation in HEW programs.

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I don't know what we could, or should, do about the situation
but thought that you would be interested in this information.

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cc: Mr. R. Earl Landers