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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

Following up my letter of April 22, I am pleased to inform you that the following contractors have been selected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the first phase of the experimental program to develop new housing for low- and moderate-income families within the inner city:

ABT Associates, Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts - Daniel, Mann,
Johnson and Mendenhall, Los Angeles, California

Building Systems Development, Inc., San Francisco, California

Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Each of these contractors has been given a list of 25 cities. Your City is on the list for study by ABT Associates, Incorporated. A representative from this firm will be contacting your office within the next few days. He will need your help and the help of your staff in order to make an analysis and evaluation of the potential for carrying out a housing experiment in your City. The time pressures will be severe as the Department is determined to evolve solutions to the long standing problems which have prevented an adequate production of housing for low- and moderate-income families.

The contractors involved in this Phase I of the experiment will have not only to develop criteria for the selections of cities in which the housing will be built (the Department and the contractors will work together in final city selection), but also will have to seek out and analyze potentially successful building and management systems for the actual construction of the housing as well as an identification of the constraints which have tremendously hampered the construction of such housing and plan for overcoming these constraints. As you can see, this ambitious program will call for an extremely intensive level of work between now and mid-June when the contractors are expected to report back to the Department.

Each contractor will be working closely with Department personnel both in Washington and in the regional offices. If at any point you feel Departmental staff can be of direct service to you during this period of analysis, I suggest that your Model Cities Director or one of your principal assistants contact directly the Model Cities team captain in the appropriate HUD regional office.

Sincerely yours,


H. Ralph Taylor
Assistant Secretary