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April 14, 1967

Honorable John H. Markland  
City Manager  
City of Decatur  
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mr. Markland:

Mr. R. Earl Landers of the Mayor's Office has referred to me your correspondence of April 11, 1967 in which you raised the possibility of the City of Decatur procuring plants from the City of Atlanta's Greenhouse on a contractual basis. I believe you are also interested in having the advice and recommendations of our Horticulturist.

Nothing would suit me better than to cooperate with the City of Decatur since that is where I was raised and attended school; and, I have noticed your lovely triangle in downtown Decatur near the Court square. You are to be commended for your efforts.

Presently, we have only two Greenhouses in production. We have plans to build two additional units sometime in the next five years, but at the present time it is all we can produce border plants and other materials for our own parks system. As a result, many plants are purchased from private sources such as Monroe Nursery, Golden State Roses, etc. Of course, all are bought on low bid through our Purchasing Department.

It would be our pleasure to send our Horticulturist, Mr. Oortman, out to Decatur to discuss your plans and objectives. Mr. Oortman is more of a grower than he is a designer; however, he has an excellent eye for arrangements and planting schemes.

By copy of this letter, I am asking Mr. Oortman to contact your office and arrange to meet with you at your convenience.

Again, I wish we could be of more assistance and we do appreciate the request and I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius  
General Manager

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cc: Hon. R. Earl Landers  
Mr. B. H. Oortman