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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
City of Atlanta Mayor
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Dear Sir:

Re: Report Concerning Cooper-Glenn Area

The Building Department Housing Code Division is making every effort to eliminate hazardous and unsafe conditions in the above area by making inspections and notifying the owners of requirements necessary to make structures safe and sanitary or to demolish the building.

We have not insisted upon full compliance with the Housing Code in the above area inasmuch as most of the property is slated for acquisition and demolition under the Model Cities Program.

To date, the Department has sent out notices effecting one hundred and seventy-seven structures consisting of approximately four hundred living units. Forty-seven buildings have been complied by rehabilitation and thirty-five have been demolished. Thirteen owners have been in court and eighty-one buildings are currently being repaired.

Housing Code enforcement in the above area has been most difficult because:

(a) Delay in approval of funds for the acquisition of properties by the Housing Authority for the purchase of a school and park site located east of Whitehall Terrace, S. W.

(b) Property owners and residents of the area are aware of future Model Cities plan and feel that their property may be acquired and that rehabilitation might cause them an undue expenditure which they may not later recover if the property is acquired.

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.

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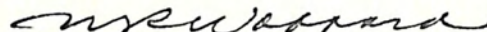
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(c) Lending institutions are reluctant to lend money in the above disadvantaged area for home improvement purposes.

(d) Insurance policies have been canceled on structures because of the possibility of civil disturbances.

We are continuing to make every effort to improve the above area. By riding through this section many vacant lots where buildings have been demolished can be seen and improvements in housing is progressing under the handicaps mentioned above. Some bad housing is being demolished to make way for future commercial projects.

Very truly yours,



W. R. Wofford
Building Official

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