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1918 Edinburgh Terrace, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30307

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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mayor Allen:

Recalling April 26, 1967, when, as the granddaughter of the late Colonel Thomas E. Winn, I had the pleasure of meeting you for the first time, however, I had seen you in action in and about Atlanta on TV in recent months, as well as being ever cognizant of the manner in which you have handled the serious matters appertaining to the Civil Rights movement in, and about Atlanta. You always seem to come out "on top" in the long run. On the 26th of April, I stated further that the late Courtland Winn, former Mayor of Atlanta, was my grandfather's nephew, being the son of the Late Samuel Winn (Judge) Gwinnette County, my grandfather's brother. I never knew them well as I was educated in South Carolina, but have had the family history imbued within me for years.

I have lived at the above address for over 25 years and am a resident of DeKalb County, formerly Fulton, and a business and profession woman therein for a number of years. In this connection, I had the opportunity of being one of the first to volunteer to work for the Women in Community Services, Inc., Atlanta, in setting up and working in the Job Corps for Girls, from June, 1965 through May, 1966-- 302 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours, more or less, account of count by Mrs. Richard C. Bunzl, President, Council of Jewish Women, one of the four organizations comprising the WICS, INC. Atlanta. While I did not have the time to spend so many hours of free work, there were no other volunteers for the office work and I just could not say "No"

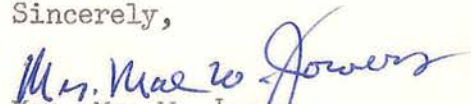
to the very dedicated Project Director-- Miss Helen Oppenlander. Naturally, I, myself, developed a great interest in my way of helping further the cause in regard to the poverty stricken girls who needed help. While there were not enough training Centers at the time, the Project Director, Mrs. Weaver (now Project Director) and one or two others (intermittently) held the organization together until it has now reached it's present stage, and there are more centers to send the girls to for training.

Further, it was my pleasure to become acquainted with and meet some of the other dedicated people interested in the program, as well as the Presidents of the four organizations comprising the WICS.

In this connection, and in view of the sudden passing of Mr. Emmerich, and realizing the task of procuring the right man on which the mantle is to fall, since I have had the insight of workings of the Job Corps for Girls-- distinguished entirely from EOA, Inc. by contract with Mr. Schriver, I am deeply interested in, and having the satisfaction of knowing the right man who will succeed Mr. Emmerich. Having known Dr. Merle C. Patterson as my minister at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church, where he was well regarded by all, and later of his work with EOA, Inc., as Director, County-Wide Projects, under Mr. Emmerich, I took the liberty of suggesting his name to the Chairman of the Board of Directors by telegram today, copy of which is enclosed herewith. While I realize there are others qualified in their respective entities, from an over-all standpoint, if proferred and accepted, I believe he would certainly be the right man for the job. I have met Dr. Cothrane, but feel that if a negro is appointed it would give the impetus of being a "Negro Program", when the ratio of whites is 4 to 1, I understand.

I trust that the Board will be able to come up with the right decision for the benefit of all concerned.

Sincerely,


Mrs. Mae W. Jowers
Member, Atlanta WICS, INC.

Encl.