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Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor
City of Atlanta

Re Dean Rusk Memorial

My dear Mayor Allen:

Recently you referred the letter written you on September 8 by Mr. Frank G. Ethridge, and your reply thereto, to the Atlanta Civic Design Commission for recommendations concerning the proposal, suggested by Mr. Ethridge, of a commemorative memorial to the Honorable Dean Rusk, U. S. Secretary of State.

At its meeting of September 22, the Commission reviewed the correspondence sent it, and concurred in the following statements:

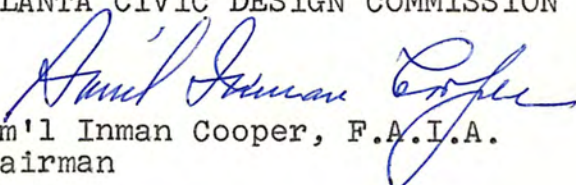
- (1) That it looks with favor on the suggestion offered by Mr. Ethridge, and feels that a local memorial to such a worthy and prominent Georgian would be of definite civic interest and benefit;
- (2) That as yet the Commission is not prepared to recommend either a specific type of memorial, nor an exact location for same. (In this connection, the naming of either "Capitol Plaza" Park, or the so-called "Ugly Triangle" at Spring Street and Carnegie Way, for Mr. Rusk was proposed. Also some prominent and focal site adjacent to the present location of the Lee Street School, which Mr. Rusk formerly attended, and which is to be moved to another location within the area of the West End Renewal Project, was discussed. Such a site for a Rusk memorial might well be on the mall itself of the proposed shopping center in this project, and consequently closely adjacent to the site of the school at the time that Mr. Rusk attended it.)

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- (3) That when and if the Commission can later establish a site and/or a form of memorial which it considers appropriate, it will thereafter inform the Mayor of its opinions and its recommendations.

Sincerely yours,

ATLANTA CIVIC DESIGN COMMISSION


Sam'l Inman Cooper, F.A.I.A.
Chairman

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cc: Mr. Frank G. Ethridge