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Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.
City Hall
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RE: Model Cities Program

Dear Mayor Allen:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you at the suggestion of Governor Ellis Arnall to whom I wrote recently in connection with an item appearing in "Fleet Owner, July, 1969" concerning the 10cent shuttle bus service for the model cities area.

I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter for Mr. Johnny Johnson, whom I understand is Director of Atlanta's Model Cities program and I am also sending a copy to Governor Arnall.

In my Washington office I have the good fortune to represent the City of San Juan, where last November they elected a very energetic young lawyer, Carlos Romero Barcelo as Mayor. He is 36 years of age, a graduate of Yale University in 1953, and of the University of Puerto Rico Law School 1956. He inherited a very difficult situation with respect to his Model Cities program which had been commenced under the preceding administration which had failed to take care of many essential items. The program was in jeopardy when Mayor Romero took over but as of several weeks ago, he was assured by former Mayor Hyde of Fresno, now at HUD, that the program is going through satisfactorily.

Coincidentally, the Federal Implementation Grant for San Juan is \$7.1 million whereas I notice Atlanta's Model Cities Program is budgeted at \$7.2 million.

The principal reason for this inquiry to you, and through you to Director Johnny Johnson, is that San Juan has a very difficult transportation problem and the plan worked out in your city with respect to 10 cent shuttle bus service throughout the 3,000 acre model cities area might well be a Godsend.

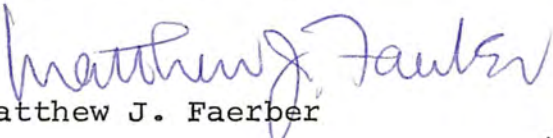
It is interesting to me to note that a mutual friend of Governor Arnall and mine, the late Wallace R. Burke, formerly of the Interstate Commerce Commission, suggested an almost identical plan to Mayor Romero in my presence in San Juan on 31 March, 1969.

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If it is not an imposition, and if Mr. Johnson, could send me data which would help me advise Mayor Romero along these lines, I would be indebted.

Very truly yours,


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