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The Honorable Spiro T. Agnew  
The Vice President of the  
United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Vice President:

The City of Atlanta is happy to participate in the National Summer Youth Program.

It is my understanding that, to date, Morehouse College is the only Atlanta college participating in this program.

Mr. John Cox, Executive Director of the Youth Council, as well as coordinator for our Youth Opportunity Program in Atlanta, has taken the following action:

1. contacted all of the NCAA Colleges in Atlanta to encourage them to participate. So far, only Morehouse College is participating. Emory and Georgia Tech indicated that they could not participate because of other building and activity programs this summer;
2. communicated with Coach Forbes, Morehouse's Director, individually, and discussed Morehouse's Proposal prior to submission. He later held a meeting with Dr. Forbes involving personnel from the City of Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department, Economic Opportunity Atlanta and the Community Chest. At this meeting, the following proposed modification and changes were suggested and agreed to by Dr. Forbes.
  - a. The program would operate from 9:30-1:30 instead of 8:00-12:00 noon;

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- b. The target areas would be the Nash Washington and the West End areas;
- c. The EOA Center in the West End and Nash Washington areas, the Robinson Boys Club, the Atlanta Girls Club and the Public Housing Projects in these areas would refer the participants to this program;
- d. Bussing would be kept at a minimum, transportation would be used for trips and support for the on-going program;
- e. A maximum number of poor youth from the target area will be hired by the Project;
- f. The college will explore the possibility of expanding this program if such needs warrant, utilizing other facilities;
- g. Finally, the college has agreed to fully coordinate this project into the total Youth Opportunity Program effort.

We will continue to maintain a working relationship with this program and keep your representative informed on its progress.

As Mayor of the City of Atlanta, I fully endorse this program and recommend its funding.

Sincerely,

Ivan Allen, Jr.  
Mayor

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