

December 29, 1966

Mr. Charles O. Emmerich
Executive Director
Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc.
101 Marietta Street Building
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Emmerich:

We thank you for Mr. Terry's letter of December 19, 1966 and your letter of December 22, 1966 advising that effective December 31, 1966 all funds for recreation activities will be cancelled.

I am aware from reading the newspapers of the diligent efforts which have been made by Economic Opportunity Atlanta to recover funds which were cut from your 1967 appropriation. How the Office of Economic Opportunity could ear-mark recreation service as "low priority" is beyond my imagination.

The City of Atlanta has been caught high and dry with ten play lots to operate in critical poverty areas, recreation service to three senior citizens high rise apartments, and a hope for intensified summer recreation program for the poor.

We again appeal to you to do all within your power to grant the City of Atlanta funds for the continuation of the programs now under way. Thanking you for your consideration, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius
General Manager of
Parks and Recreation

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cc: Miss Virginia Carmichael, Director of Recreation
Mr. Stan Martin, Administrative Assistant

bcc: Hon. Ivan Allen, Jr., Mayor ✓
Hon. Earl Landers
Hon. Dan Sweat