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June 26, 1967

Mr. Benard South  
332 Piedmont Avenue, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Dear Mr. South:

Thank you for your letter of June 21, 1967 to Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. regarding the playlot which has been constructed at the corner of Merritts Avenue and Bedford Place.

Unfortunately, this was the only large vacant available piece of land in the area. We have graded the ground any number of times - three times in the last month - and the entire terrain is full of rocks of various size. The more we scrape the more rocks we pick up. We have taken our entire labor crew and had them very carefully by hand clear the area and then cover it with granite dust. The rocks beneath the surface work through as the large number of children use this very poor and limited facility.

I live in the immediate neighborhood and inspect this facility daily. It is a poor excuse for a recreation facility, but it is better than nothing. Through the generosity of the Rich Foundation, we were able to purchase four portable swimming pools and one of them was placed on this site. Plans have been made to purchase a permanent park location next to the recently completed W. C. Hill School, which is only a block or so removed from this playlot. Trusting funds will be available, we would hope to develop this park during the calendar year of 1968.

We certainly appreciate your kind attention and consideration to this problem and assuring you we will make every possible effort to maintain the facility in some reasonable condition until we can have an adequate park, I am

Cordially,

Jack C. Delius  
General Manager of  
Parks and Recreation

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CC: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. ✓  
Mr. Dan Sweet  
Mr. J. D. Chamblee, Park Maintenance Supt.