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Urban Corps.

Mr. Milton Farris, Chairman
Board of Aldermen Finance Committee
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Dear Mr. Farris:

Let me extend my appreciation to you and the members of your Committee for the opportunity to present the 1970 Budget Proposal for the Atlanta Urban Corps. Hopefully, the Proposal is detailed enough to give a concise picture of the needs of the Program next year. Because of the necessity of making a brief presentation, I fear many of the important facts about the Corps were not voiced. I believe these several points will make the amount we are requesting more reasonable from a return-on-investment viewpoint.

- (1) The Urban Corps provides an abundant manpower source that has been overlooked. The majority of the students involved are in the upper level in college or in graduate or professional school.
- (2) The jobs the students perform are all existing jobs that have been left undone due to a lack of manpower, and with the creative cooperation between the Urban Corps and City administrators, many very necessary tasks can be performed by interns.
- (3) According to the figures provided by the Mayor's Office, the interns will provide 52 man years of labor at an average cost of \$2,690.00. This cost is extremely low based on the earning power potential of a college graduate or near-graduate. Also, it does not include the 17 man years worked by the proposed staff.
- (4) The Urban Corps offers the potential of a manpower training program for the City by acquainting students with the possibilities of government employment after graduation. No one can deny that with only 125 of approximately 8,000 City employees (excluding the Board of Education and the Library) having college degrees, that the recruitment of highly qualified