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Mr. John Martin
Commissioner of Aging
Department of Health, Education
and Welfare
Washington, D. C.

Dear Commissioner Martin:

The Atlanta Model Cities Program was very honored by your recent visit, and greatly appreciates your keen interest in our efforts.

We have gathered together some descriptive material about the programs for senior citizens which we visited or discussed during your visit, and we are enclosing the same along with this letter.

The Atlanta Model Cities Program has benefitted tremendously from its close working relationship with the Senior Citizens Services of Metropolitan Atlanta. In the spring of 1968, during our early planning period, Senior Citizens staff provided direct assistance to the Model Cities social services planner. Their professional staff drew up and conducted, with the help of Model Cities aides, a survey of about 300 senior citizens, and obtained valuable information about the needs and services of our older population. They also met with groups of senior citizens and with the resident social service committees to further explore the problems and unmet needs of our senior citizens.

Combining the material gained from the survey and the community meetings with their general expertise in the field of aging, they then developed with our staff an outline of the problems, causes,

goals and program approaches for older persons living in the Model Cities neighborhood. This was a valuable contribution to Atlanta's Model Cities overall plan.

Senior Citizen Services will receive Model Cities supplemental funds in two major projects; one for day care services and a second for a personal services center (see attached description). Since the beginning of this year, our respective staffs have worked closely to finalize plans for these projects. In addition, Senior Citizens has continued to lend assistance in our ongoing planning process. A timely example of this is our joint efforts, along with Fulton County Department of Family and Children's Services, to develop a protective services project for older persons in the Model Cities Area.

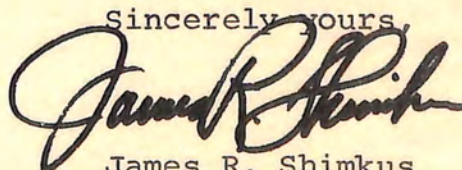
This close working relationship between our two agencies has provided the Model Cities program with valuable expertise in the field of aging and has insured the inclusion of meaningful projects for senior citizens in our first year plan. Senior Citizens Services has, in effect, acted as an advocate - and a most successful one - for the senior citizens in Model Cities.

Atlanta's Model Cities program has planned a wide variety of projects which will benefit senior citizens. These projects are described in greater detail in the attached material. Also included are descriptions of several projects which Senior Citizens Services has planned for both the Model Cities area and the city as a whole.

We hope that you will find the enclosed material useful. We will be happy to supplement it with more detailed information about any particular project.

Once again, thank you for your interest in our program.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Shimkus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James R. Shimkus
Social Planning Director

cc: Al Horvath