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Housing Assistance Office

IN REPLY REFER TO: 3HO-A

Mr. M. B. Satterfield, Executive Director, The Housing Authority of the City of Atlanta, Georgia 824 Hurt Building Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Satterfield:

This will refer to your letter of February 18, 1969, regarding the establishment of Authority-paid special project police forces.

The Cooperation Agreement between the Atlanta Housing Authority and the City of Atlanta states that the City shall furnish or cause to be furnished to the Local Authority and the tenants of such projects public services and facilities of the same character and to the same extent as are furnished from time to time without cost or charge to other dwellings and inhabitants in the municipality. This provision, of course, includes police service and the City should therefore provide services required at the projects to insure the safety of its residents.

This office does not approve funds to be used to provide protective services as a matter of course. Only where highly unusual circumstances existed have we authorized funds to employ project police or security guards. In such rare instances, approval involved very small numbers of personnel and for temporary periods of time.

At this time, we are not aware of circumstances in Atlanta which require special protective services over and above those presently being provided by the municipality under the provisions of the Cooperation Agreement.

Under no circumstances would we be willing to approve an arrangement which in effect would replace services which the City performs in accordance with the Cooperation Agreement.

Sincerely yours,

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Assistant Regional Administrator for Housing Assistance