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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

From: Dan Sweat

Subject: Edward Moody

Following is a list of events concerning Edward Moody and the development of Model Neighborhood, Inc.

1. Moody was permanently employed by the Parks Department as a Community Recreation Leader on September 26, 1966. His salary was \$340.00 a month. He was dismissed on May 24, 1967. He was dismissed because of conflict with the staff with which he was working. He was reassigned to another community center but walked off the job. He was subsequently dismissed.
2. He was employed again by the City on March 5, 1968, as a Community Worker on the Model Cities staff. His salary was \$240.00 a month. He was dismissed on May 14, 1968, for failure to follow directions.
3. On January 18, 1968, the group known as Model Neighborhood, Inc. (which was in its third year of existence) became a chartered non-profit organization, after being advised to do so in order to be eligible for federal grants, foundation funds and seed money from different agencies to finance its programs and projects.

Edward Moody is president and Bron Cleveland and Robert W. Waymer are consultants.

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4. On October 22, 1968, Mr. Moody received a letter from Johnny Johnson informing him that his corporation, Model Neighborhood, Inc., would receive \$6,000 from the City of Atlanta's Model Cities Program. It was an EDA grant for economic development in the Model Neighborhood Area. This money was approved by the Model Cities Executive Board, the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor.
5. In May 1968 MNI was granted a \$10,800 loan from the Trust Company of Georgia to obtain an option on Atlanta Housing Authority property at Georgia Avenue and McDaniel Street. See attached memo from George Berry.
6. Economic Development Administration grant - totaling \$121,750 of which 86,780 is a federal cash contribution and 35,000 comes from the City of Atlanta (Technical Assistance Grant Project No. 04-6-09154) - was given upon a strong recommendation of the Atlanta City Demonstration Agency (check their letter to EDA of January 27, 1969).

Responsibilities of the corporation:

1. Outreach program - providing technical assistance to primarily minority entrepreneurs
2. Planning and development of a shopping center or similar facility in the Model Cities Area.

The EDA grant was approved on May 13, 1969, by Robert A. Podesta for a 12 month period. Atlanta CDA approval influenced this decision heavily.

7. The Small Business Administration approved a \$50,000 loan to MNI in June 1969 (last week) to be used in the development and operation of the MNI manufacturing plant. The manufacturing plant is located on Georgia Avenue and produces women's casual apparel.
8. The Steering Committee of the Mass Convention met Tuesday, June 24, 1969, and voted 7 - 0 against the MNI grant request for \$35,000 Model Cities supplemental funds to match the EDA grant. Two members abstained, six were absent.

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