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Rapid Transit*

JESSE HILL, JR.  
ACTUARY

Honorable Richard H. Rich, Chairman  
Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority  
808 Glenn Building  
120 Marietta Street, N. W.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Sir:

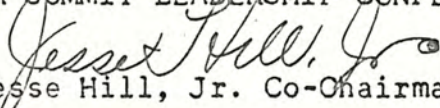
The Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference is keenly interested in the growth and development of our great city. As a collective leadership group of the Atlanta Negro Community we seek as a matter of public policy and practice, that our Negro citizens share without discrimination on account of race or color in all opportunities, service and programs of our dynamic booming city. Specifically, as regards to MARTA, our requests and concerns are as follows:

1. We request a clear understanding and firm commitment of non-discrimination in employment at all levels including administration, transit center, sub-stations and train operators.
2. In order to insure a completely desegregated operational staff, we request an estimate of personnel needs including job descriptions, job qualifications and projected expected salaries for various jobs; by the following years 1967, 1968 and 1973. (It is our desire to begin now to alert training institutions and Negro citizens of these coming employment opportunities. We also feel that there are experienced Negro citizens in New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities with operational rapid transit who would be interested in opportunities in our great city.)

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3. We desire a conference at an early date with appropriate MARTA representatives and MARTA General Manager H. L. Stuart with the Summit Conference, for purposes of discussing methods of route and sub-station selections.
4. We hope to have 100,000 Negroes eligible to vote at the time of the proposed 1969 Bond Issue. The Negro record of voting for progress in Atlanta is unexcelled by no sizeable part of our electorate.
5. We note under current plans that of the 36 miles of transit system to be opened by 1975 only 4.3 miles have been earmarked to serve the large Negro westside population; and this short transit leg stopping at Hightower Road is totally unacceptable, inadequate and unrealistic as a westward limit.
6. We note that the present MARTA employee staff is all-white. As setforth in #2 above please inform us presently of current staff needs.

Very truly yours,  
ATLANTA SUMMIT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

  
Jesse Hill, Jr. Co-Chairman  
Rev. Samuel W. Williams, Co-Chairman

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Senator Leroy Johnson  
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Alderman Q. V. Williamson

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