

November 18, 1968

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.**

These are the units we saw in Chicago on November 13.

Our group included Red Wise, Wylie Mitchell and Mr. Koplun, young engineer of the Building Department, Collier Gladin, Howard Oppenshaw, J. C. Johnson, Alderman Cotsakis, Robert C. Watkins of the Greater Atlanta Housing Development Corporation, Mr. James L. Meyerholtz, Vice-President, Trust Company of Georgia, George Kennedy and Denver Gray of the Chamber of Commerce, E. R. Williams of HUD and Alex Coffin of the Constitution. I believe the entire group was favorably impressed.

The manufacturer contracted with a local nonprofit housing corporation (Chicago Dwelling Association) to do the site planning, landscaping, installation of walks, patios, parking, play area and street lighting (all of which was extremely well done), in addition to delivery and installation of the units ready to move in; all for a fixed price per unit. (In this instance, \$14,500; does not include land valued at \$2,500 per unit.)

The nonprofit corporation then takes applications and sells the units under a 38-year FHA insured mortgage to individuals applicants.

The development which we saw at 50th and Blackstone (eight, 4 bedroom units) was erected in one day and the first family moved in the same night.

Similar development and procedure can take place in Atlanta now.

I recommend a demonstration project of this general type of 6-12 units be undertaken promptly in the Model Cities area with the Greater Atlanta Housing Development Corporation, serving in similar capacity as the Chicago Dwelling Association is serving for such projects in Chicago.

Respectfully,

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Encls: Brochures (with original only)

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