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Mr. R. Earl Landers
Administrative Assistant
Office of the Mayor
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Landers:

Recently I have been reliably informed of a Very Low Cost Experimental Housing Project which is being developed in Ashburn, Georgia under the special sponsorship of HUD; and which would be well worth looking into in connection with Atlanta's Low-Income Housing Program.

It is reported that the principal features of this project are single-family, sales houses, equipped with major appliances, on 1/5 acre of land designed to sell for not to exceed \$8,000. It is understood that the initial concept was for a \$4,500 selling price, which proved to be impractical; and that the concept has now been changed to an increased price of \$8,000; that the house is designed to sell under F.H.A. Insured Mortgage for monthly payments of \$55.00 including taxes and insurance.

Also, that another low-income housing project which is also under the special sponsorship of HUD is being developed in Pinellas County, Dunee, Florida. The developer is Arnold Smith of Arnold Smith Associates. This project is apparently a type of park development designed as a Golden Age Rent Supplement project, built in accordance with national standards and which is 100% insured by F.H.A., with minimum rent payments of \$21.00 per month and \$70.00 monthly subsidy per unit.

Upon completion, it is contemplated that a Federal lease will be placed on the project for 10 years, after which a clear title to the project will be turned over to the developer, which he may continue to own and operate free of any additional payment of Federal restrictions what so ever. This is supposed to be an incentive to developers to initiate this type of low-income housing projects.

Both of these projects are reported to be under the direct supervision of Mr. Chuck Dieman, Director of Technical Services, HUD-FHA in Washington. I understand that both of these projects are experimenting with so called "Manufactured Mobile Homes" and if successful are intended as the forerunners of a substantial portion

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of HUD's 10 year, \$6 billion low-income housing program to get under way early in 1969.

Request that I be authorized to visit these projects by private automobile at City expense for not to exceed four (4) days, including travel time.

Respectfully,

Malcolm D. Jones
Housing Coordinator

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cc: ✓ Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.
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