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Mr. Carl T. Sutherland, Director
Personnel Department
City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

On Wednesday, April 12, I was asked to meet with Mr. Allison of EOA along with Mr. Tucker of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and several representatives of the Department of Labor. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the so-called Nelson Amendment which apparently enables municipalities and other non-profit organizations to employ the chronically under employed and unemployed in public work projects. I asked Mr. Ed Farrow of your department to be present in that I had a feeling that the program would be applicable not only to the Department of Parks but to many other divisions of City government.

As Mr. Farrow perhaps has already advised you, the program has many of the features of the Neighborhood Youth Corps. The basic difference appears to be that the rate of pay will be \$1.40 per hour, there is apparently no age limitation, their program is aiming towards developing skills in the unemployed and providing them with an opportunity for a promotion and permanent employment with the respective non-profit agencies, etc. It appears that the City of Atlanta would be expected to at least give a promise that an attempt would be made to place in permanent positions after a one year period of time those individuals recruited under this program. Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc. would be the prime contractor and has the rather staggering responsibility of placing some 6400 individuals in various jobs.

You will recall that when the NYC first started off in Atlanta, the Department of Parks was the only division of City government that was involved; eventually, the entire City became involved due to your good efforts in drawing up a contract for all departments in City government. I think that the Personnel Department should assume the leadership responsibility in the coordination necessary to make this an effective and worthwhile project.

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If I may be of any service to you do not hesitate to advise and I remain

Cordially,

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Parks and Recreation

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Mr. Dan E. Sweat, Jr.
Mr. Ed Farrow
Mr. William W. Allison, EOA