

CITY OF ATLANTA

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dan Sweat, Liaison to Mayor for Governmental Affairs
FROM: ^{fmw} Bill Warden, Model Cities Crime & Delinquency Prevention
Consultant
RE: Federal Crime Prevention and Control Monies

Enclosed are articles from the Atlanta Journal and the Constitution, both of which appeared in their March 19 issues.

Though the point is well made in the articles, I believe that in the case of Atlanta, the State Planning Bureau has a definite "plan" in mind. The plan being to let Atlanta have a token amount of these funds at best and that the use of the planning funds is a small indicator of things to come in the awarding of the Omnibus and Safe Streets Action grants. From a politicians point of view, where there is a door left open like this, it is merely good thinking to prime the various power bases for future use. However, the City of Atlanta, over a period of five-plus years stands to lose several million dollars.

As pointed out in the enclosed articles, the Omnibus Crime and Safe Streets Act of 1968 was specifically designed and intended to combat organized urban crime and, more specifically, street crimes. Organized, and street crime, is not a big problem in Hahira, Nahunta and Ludowici but if some action is not taken they are going to receive substantial funds designed to prevent same.

It seems to me that one of the best ways to combat this might be to check with a number of the members of the advisory board who

were appointed to assist, theoretically, the state administrator of the program and funds. Several of the board members are from the Atlanta area and they and their constituents would be damaged by this plan by the state politician. I believe they would react in a manner that we would consider favorable. Members of this board who are from this area, and who may be sympathetic to this line of thinking, are J. Carroll Larmore, Chief Probation Officer, Fulton County; John S. Langford, Fulton County Juvenile Judge; Norman Shipley, Cobb County Juvenile Judge; Robert Croom, Fulton County Juvenile Court; Charles Watt, NCCD and Neil Satterfield, Chatham County United Fund. Too, I have a speaking relationship with George Murphy who is the regional administrator at the federal level and if you think it wise, we could contact him regarding our concerns.

We are ready at any time to assist and cooperate with you in combating this malicious plan to deprive this city of funds that rightfully belong to it.